

Love One Another

John 13:31-38

By grace through faith to the glory of God, love one another.

Did Jesus love Peter?

"Of course, he was a fav 5!", yet, like Judas, he denies Jesus... 3X.

-The only difference between these 2 close followers of Jesus is one believed who Jesus truly was and placed his faith, though rocky and fleeting, and filled with mistakes, he placed his faith in the true Christ. and the other... he died in his sin.

[13] Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" [14] And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." [15] He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" [16] Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." [17] And Jesus answered him, "**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.**" [18] And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Matthew 16:13-18

1. By Grace Through faith

1. If you believe it, say it.. "I am saved by grace through faith

[8] For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, [9] not a result of works, so that no one may boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Peter had nothing to boast about, either did Paul.

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[14] But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Galatians 6:14

Either do we... It is by grace through faith. (*Read Eph 2 again*)

1. This is not your own doing
2. It is a gift
3. This is still not your own doing... Why? So that no one may boast.
 - What's wrong with boasting? It's about your glory, not God's!
 - And Christians, disciples of Jesus, are about the glory of God!

-If you believe that, say it, "I am about the glory of God".

Read vs. 31-32

Judas leaves... "It's going down for real". Now it's just him and his true disciples. Real talk time. He uses the word "at once", "immediately".

-Guatemala trip, "sir, we're doing this"

-As soon as Judas walks out... "Boys, were doing this"

-The first thing he brings up is "Glory"

Doxazo: to cause someone to have glorious greatness—'to make gloriously great, to glorify.'¹ Tony the Tiger frosted flakes, "They're great!"

Is the Father glorified or the son? Yes! Both are glorified.

DA Carson says, "*God is glorified in Jesus' temporal obedience, sacrifice, death, resurrection, and exaltation- one event; Jesus is glorified in the eternal presence and essence of the Father, partly because by this event he re-enters the glory he had with the Father before he became incarnate (human), before the world began.*"²

¹ Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). [*Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains*](#) (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 735). New York: United Bible Societies.

² The Gospel according to John, Carson, pg. 483

[4] I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. [5] And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. John 17:4-5

Let's Recalibrate to truth.

-You. are. not. God... You're welcome. We don't say that, but we live it.

-We are disciples of Jesus. According to Acts we are followers of the Way!

-The Way is to live for the glory of God!

Why start here? I thought today was about loving one another? We'll get there... but I think Jesus starts with glory in this time because ultimately what we worship is what we'll live for.

Jared Wilson in his book, "The Imperfect Disciple³, grace for people who can't get their act together" says *"What all this boils down to is this; we have a worship problem, and so long as we are occupying our minds with little, worldly things and puny, worldly messages, we will shrink our capacity to behold the eternal glory of Jesus Christ, which is the antidote to all that ails us."*

Loving One Another involves recalibrating our worship.

1. Why? Because our capacity for loving others will be determined by how much we believe God loves us. And if we believe we are fully loved by God, we will be free to love others freely.

2. How do believe we are fully loved by God? See point one.

1. By Grace through faith

2. To the Glory of God.

Read vs. 33-35

vs. 33. Little Children. We are family! Immediate family!

vs. 34. Love one another, just as I have loved you.

³ Amazon [Link to book](#)

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-Jesus' love wasn't all rainbows and unicorns. He rebuked, exhorted, challenged, saw into their evil hearts, and shined light onto them! AND LOVED THEM ANYWAY.

-He loved them despite them. He loved them in their folly. Their arrogance, their lack of compassion, their immaturity, and on and on... Jesus loved them. How did he do this?

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You will mess it up.

Read vs. 36-38

Even when we desire to love to death! We still need grace.

What do we do when we mess it up?

-See point #1. By grace through faith

#2. To the Glory of God

#3. Love one another

When others mess up and make hard to love them...

-See point #1. By grace through faith

#2. To the Glory of God

#3. Love one another