

LOVE'S SUPREME STANDARD  
(John 13:31-38)

- I. Christ's Love DEMONSTRATED at the CROSS (John 13:31-32)
  - A. "NOW is the Son of Man GLORIFIED"
    - 1. Christ's death SATISFIED the demands of God's JUSTICE
    - 2. Christ's death DESTROYED the power of SIN
    - 3. Christ's death DESTROYED the power of SATAN
  - B. "...And GOD is glorified in HIM"
    - 1. Christ's death DISPLAYED God's POWER
    - 2. Christ's death DECLARED God's JUSTICE
    - 3. Christ's death REVEALED God's HOLINESS
    - 4. Christ's death EXPRESSED God's FAITHFULNESS
    - 5. Christ's death DEMONSTRATED God's LOVE
  - C. "God...will glorify Him IMMEDIATELY"
- II. Christ's Love DUPLICATED in His DISCIPLES (John 13:33-35)
  - A. Jesus will SOON be LEAVING them
    - 1. He would be with them for "a LITTLE WHILE LONGER"
    - 2. "Where I am going, you CANNOT COME"
  - B. He COMMANDS them to love ONE ANOTHER

1. It is “new” in its TARGET: “One another”
  2. It is “new” in its DEGREE: “As I have loved you”
  3. It is “new” in its MOTIVE: Because Christ loves us
- C. He defines this love as the MARK of the TRUE Christian
1. Demonstrated by willingness to SEEK FORGIVENESS
  2. Demonstrated by willingness to FORGIVE
- III. Christ’s Love DEPENDABLE in WEAKNESS (John 13:36-38)
- A. Peter focused on the fact Jesus said He’s LEAVING
1. Peter asks, “WHERE are You GOING?”
  2. Jesus answered, “You can’t follow Me NOW, but will LATER”
- B. Peter declared himself willing to “lay down my LIFE for YOU”
1. Jesus asks, “Will YOU lay down your life for ME?”
  2. Jesus declares that Peter will DENY Him THREE TIMES