

Loving as Jesus Loved

John 13:34-35

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INTRO:

1. What is an example?
 - a. Someone or something we emulate
 - b. A standard to follow
2. Our Christian example = Jesus
 - a. Emulate Him in all areas of life
 - b. He is the standard
3. One way to follow His example is to be Loving as Jesus loved.
4. Three things to notice about His love
 - a. The example of loving – manifested it, demonstrated it, and showed it
 - b. The command to love – our life is not right unless we are loving, obedience to the commands of Jesus requires loving
 - c. The evidence of love to others – He wept at the death of Lazarus, when people see authentic, biblical love within God’s people, they will believe. One of the greatest sin of Christians today is the sin of withholding love.

READ TEXT For us to be loving as Jesus loved we must understand:

I. Jesus Loves Us With the Utmost of Love

- A. Jesus loves us with complete love
 - a. He loves to the fullest extent
 - b. He loves to the end
 - c. He never quits loving
 - d. Nothing can separate us from His love
- B. True love never fails
 - a. This kind of love loves in spite of faults and failures
 - b. This kind of love cares and continues to care
 - c. This kind of love puts others first

II. Jesus Loves Us With a Serving Love

- A. He came to minister (Mt. 20:28)
 - a. He fed the hungry out of compassion
 - b. He lifted up the sinking
 - c. He comforted the brokenhearted
 - d. He prayed for, and with, His disciples
- B. Loving like Jesus means a serving love
 - a. We are to be responsible for each other’s growth and development
 - b. We can’t be right in our doctrine and wrong in our living
 - c. We can’t be right in our living and wrong in our loving
- C. We were freed to love others through a serving love (Gal. 5:13-14)

III. Jesus Loves Us With a Personal Love

- A. Jesus has called and has drawn us to Himself with love
 - a. Come to me all who are heavy laden and I will give you rest
 - b. He was criticized for being with sinners
 - c. He spent time with them and He personally spends time with us
 - d. So often the phrase “I love you” is empty rhetoric
 - e. Jesus assures us of His love by His personal presence in our daily lives
- B. Our love for one another needs to be expressed personally
 - a. We need to put actions with our words
 - b. Like the church in Acts 2 we need to truly love one another and not just say empty words
 - c. We ought to love one another with a love that is expressed personally.

CONC:

- To not love as Jesus loved is to sin.
- If you love Him...love others