

**Title:** As I Have Loved You, Love One Another

**Passage:** John 13:34-35

**Context of Passage:**

The night before Jesus' crucifixion. Jesus and His disciples having the Passover meal in the Upper Room.

Passover - spotless lambs would be sacrificed in the Temple. Jesus would be the perfect Lamb of God to be sacrificed. Why? God's love for you.

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**Thoughts/Observations:**

***A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another***

- If you are a follower of Jesus, you are a person under authority.
- You are not your own. You no longer call the shots in your life.
  - He is the Master of your life, not less.
- To belong to Jesus is to obey His will and commands.

Luke 6:46

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"

John 8:31

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,

***A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another***

- How "new"?
- Answer: Love as modeled by the Lord Jesus Christ ("As I have loved you")

***just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.***

- Two points:
  - Command to live out the love of Jesus (pattern for us)
  - Command by the love of Jesus (power for us)

**Pattern**

- Model of love in how Jesus loved/lived

John 13:1

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

John 13:12-15

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

- What does it mean to wash another's feet?
- "Foot washing" in application:
  - **Shows** - true love shows

1 John 3:18

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

- **Serves** - true love serves

Galatians 6:2

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

- **Sacrifice** - love sacrificially

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails

## **Power**

- Power of love through Jesus

John 15:4-5

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Philippians 2:13

for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

## **Purpose**

***By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.***

- Purpose for loving

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

## **Passion**

John 15:12-13

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

### **QUESTIONS OF REFLECTION**

Is there a command from God that God is calling you to obey?

Is there someone God is calling you to love?

Is there a sense of weakness in you in unable to love and need God's power?

Are you willing to say: Lord, I am not worthy and come trusting in Your grace to fill me up with Your love?