

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER

(JOHN 13:33-35; 1 John 2:9-11, 3:16-19)

- I. **God is seen through our love for one another.** Vs. 35
  - a. God is advertising his Gospel through our love for one another.
    - i. Live in such a way that when someone meets you they meet Jesus.
  - b. Love matches the Gospel of Grace.
    - i. The lie of advertising is seen when the product doesn't match the advertisement.
    - ii. The beauty of Jesus, He is exactly what we need and our love could never overstate his worth.
    - iii. Let your life display a godly love in such a way that it creates a hunger for Christ in others.
  - c. Love demonstrates the simplicity of the gospel.
    - i. Jesus simplifies church. He moves by the power of love.
    - ii. The success of the church is measured by its willingness to love Jesus and love like Jesus.
  - d. God commands us to love
    - i. A Command for a follower is not a choice.
    - ii. The love commandment means "Before Love is an emotion. Love is a decision of the will that is why it can be commanded. "
  - e. "New" Commandment-
    - i. This isn't new in the sense that loving others is a new.
    - ii. This Commandment is new in the sense that Jesus has further displayed the extent of God's love.

## II. Understand Love

- a. Biblical love exists for the well-being of another. 1 John 3:16

## III. Possess the strength to Love like Jesus loves.

- a. I have to be willing to let go of my hate to let God work through my heart. (1 John 2:9-11)
  - i. My vertical relationship with God is affected by my horizontal relationship with others.
    - ii. If you want to grow, invest in the growth of another.
- b. I have to be willing to get myself out of the way to let God work on my heart. (1 John 3:16-19)
  - i. When you let go of the hate, and connect to others in love, you get to rest in the presence of the one who empowers you to love in a way you could never do on your own.