

SERIES: CHRIST'S SACRIFICE: OUR HOPE

DATE: Saturday - Sunday, March 4-5, 2023

SERMON: A Love All His Own

SCRIPTURE: John 13:1-17, 31-35 NIV

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[1] It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

[2] The evening meal was in progress, and the devil had already prompted Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus.

[3] Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God;

[4] so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist.

[5] After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

[6] He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

[7] Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

[8] "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me."

[9] "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

[10] Jesus answered, "Those who have had a bath need only to wash their feet; their whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you."

[11] For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean.

[12] When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them.

[13] "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am.

[14] Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.

[15] I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

[16] Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him.

[17] Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

[31] When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him.

[32] If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

[33] "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

[34] "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

[35] By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

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1. Genuine love is _____ and _____.

- **John 13:1** *It was just before the Passover Festival. Jesus knew that the hour had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.*
- God is our loving heavenly _____.
- God _____ love (**1 John 4:7-8**)

2. Genuine love _____.

- **Mark 10:45** *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

3. Genuine love is _____ and _____.

- **1 Corinthians 13:4-7** *Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.*

4. Genuine love is filled with _____ and _____.

- _____ Judas with Jesus.
- **John 13:30** *As soon as Judas had taken the bread, he went out. And it was night.*
- It was night _____ and night in the _____ of Judas.
- He _____ the Light of the World to _____ eternal darkness.

5. Genuine love _____ the example of _____.

- *God's love is genuine, deep-seated, constant, and self-sacrificing. Love for one another is the distinguishing trait of the Christian* – William Hendriksen.
- *It is the brand of a believer – "How they love one another!"* – Tertullian A.D. 200
- Our goal is to be _____!

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Today marks the beginning of a new sermon series and gives us an opportunity to remember the goodness and blessings of God.

The new sermon series is ***Christ's Sacrifice: Our Hope***

What Christ did for us by dying on the cross for our sin is truly our hope.

One of the things I would encourage you to do with your life is to concentrate on who Christ is and what Christ did for you. In addition, I would encourage you to think and meditate on how God has changed you and who you are in Christ Jesus.

As I emphasize Christ's sacrifice along with my redemption and changed life, life becomes deeper and more meaningful for me. *It takes me out of my own little world and puts me face-to-face with the living God.*

This sermon series will culminate Easter Sunday with a sermon from 1 Corinthians 15 about the resurrection of Christ. It will be an appeal for all of us to see the truth and the reality of the resurrection of Jesus.

Would you plan to attend in person - and invite someone else to attend with you?

We are planning on having more than 4000 people in our 3 worship services – 6:00PM Saturday evening, and the two services at 9:30 & 11:00 on Easter Sunday morning.

The people around you need to hear the Word of God. Please make every effort to help our friends and neighbors know Christ.

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