

Sunday, October 18, 2020

Text: John 13:34-35

Title: Learning Love from the Departing Christ

PROPOSITION: Christ's departing commands in John 13:34-35 demonstrates two qualifiers behind the commandment to love one another, so that God's love is ardently and accurately expressed

OUTLINE: These two pillars of love may be summed up as...

- Love is Exemplified by Christ
- Love is Testified to the World:

*Study Guide Questions:*

1. When we consider obeying the commands of the Lord, do you instinctively consider that a joy or a discouragement? Is it easier to consider a God who would grant grace rather than demand obedience? Why does God need to command at all?
2. Why is obedience so important in the life of a Christian?
3. When considering the context of the upper room discourse (John 13-17), why is the command of Christ to "love one another" exemplified by Christ? How about when considering other verses (Phil. 3:20-21; 2 Cor. 2:14-17; Heb. 12:1-2; Rom. 5:6-8; 1 John 4:9-11)?
4. Is it easier to consider obedience when we meditate upon the character of God Himself? What other doctrines energize your heart and mind to acting in obedience?
5. What are practical ways that our congregations love for each other "witness" to the watching world? In what ways do we personally and individually fall short in our walking-witness? (cf. Eph. 4:16; John 15:4)
6. What are biblical truths that foster your heart to treasure the body of Christ?

