Love One Another, Even As I Have Loved You

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INTRODUCTION

- Following his institution of the Lord's Supper, following his commemorating the Passover with his disciples, and immediately following Judas's exit.
- We want to take just a little bit closer look at it this morning to better understand what this means for our relationship with each other and what it means to love.

1 A New Commandment in the New Covenant

John 13:34; Genesis 15; 1 John 2:7–11

- It's not a new commandment at all. It's a commandment that was encapsulated even in the Old Testament about loving your neighbor as yourself.
- Covenants are how God forms his relationships with mankind.
- This is the new covenant. And this covenant comes with a new commandment.
- If you and I are serious at all in being Christians, being followers of our God, this commandment has to be followed.
- You cannot claim to be a follower of Christ without adhering to this commandment. You walk in the light when you love one another.

2 Even As I Have Loved You

Matthew 5:43; John 13:38

- Not only is it a new commandment, but he bases his commandment on the fact that it's how he had loved them.
- Judas has gone out to betray him. Jesus washed his feet too.
- We base things very much on what they deserve.
- They deserve nothing from Jesus, and they don't deserve anything from each other either.
- Here's the reason you love one another. Because Jesus loved you.

3 The Extent of Our Love for One Another

1 John 3:16–18

- The extent of our love for one another is also defined by that, even as I have loved you.
- Jesus' entire ministry had been loving his disciples.
- Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.
- It's the mundane ways which we're supposed to love each other that oftentimes we struggle with.
- We are to love each other even as the Lord loved us. And he loved us in a variety of ways.

4 Fulfilling This Command Glorifies God

John 13:31–35; John 17

- Fulfilling this command is the way in which you and I are going to glorify God on this earth.
- Everything about Jesus was about glorifying the Father.
- My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples.
- By this all men will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.
- How is it that we bring glory to our Father? By being His disciples, by bearing much fruit. By truly loving one another, even as our Father has loved us.

MY NOTES