Sermon Notes – 04.03.2022 Jesus Christ, The Son – Loving Him / Keeping His Words

Loving Jesus – The Right Response of a Right Heart is "Keeping" His Commandments

John 14:15-28 "**If you love Me, you will keep My commandments**. 16 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; 17 *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 "After a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you *will* see Me; because I live, you will live also. 20 "In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 21 "**He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him**." 22 Judas (not Iscariot) *said to Him, "Lord, what then has happened that You are going to disclose Yourself to us and not to the world?" 23 Jesus answered and said to him, "**If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him**. 24 "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me. 25 "These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. 26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. 27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful. 28 "You heard that I said to you, 'I go away, and I will come to you.' If you loved Me, you would have rejoiced because I go to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

> Do not show your love by grief at my departure merely; or by profession, but by obedience.
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> **Keep my commandments** - This is the only proper evidence of love to Jesus, for mere profession is no proof of love; but that love for him which leads us to do all his will, to love each other, to deny ourselves, to take up our cross, and to follow him through evil report and through good report, is true attachment... So the disciples of Christ are required to show that they are attached to him supremely by yielding to all his requirements, and by patiently doing his will in the face of ridicule and opposition.
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> *Albert Barnes ~ Notes on the New Testament*

Professing His Lordship or Demonstrating His Power His Power?

Who is to Say? But, Disobedience Demonstrates Lack of Saving Faith – "I never knew you."

Matthew 7:21-23 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter.* 22 "**Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'**

"Practice Lawlessness" – Labor to produce unrighteousness

- **In this Broken World, What is your life laboring to produce in the positive sense?**
- **Yes, God Uses "Flawed Vessels" – Hallelujah!**
    - **But, a right heart is one that loves the Lord & longs to "keep" His commandments**
        - **1 Corinthians 13:2** If I have *the gift of* prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. (This is not just poetry)

- **1 John 2:3-6** **By this we know that we have come to know Him**, **if we keep His commandments**. 4 **The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him**; 5 **but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected**. By this we know that we are in Him: 6 **the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.**

  "Keep" – keep your eye on something in order to fulfill it

Loving Jesus is Evidence that We Love the Father

1 John 5:1-3 **Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God**, and **whoever loves the Father loves the *child* born of Him**. 2 **By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments**. 3 For **this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.**

> **John 6:29** Jesus answered and said to them, **"This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent."**
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> **1 John 5:4** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and **this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith**. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Loving Jesus Produces a Loving Follower of Him Who Rejoices in Obedience – Not Slavish Servitude

John 15:9-12 "**Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you**; **abide in My love**. 10 **"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love**; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. 11 "**These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full.** 12 **"This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.**

Way Back in 1 Samuel, God was looking for a particular kind of person

1 Samuel 13:14 "… **The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart**,

1 Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God *sees* not as man sees, **for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."**

So, Love Jesus, Have a Right Heart,

Set our Eyes on What Jesus Told Us to Do so that We can Fulfill It,

Lovingly Rejoice in Obeying Jesus without Feeling Over-burdened,

Walk as Jesus Walked & Love One Another Just as Jesus Loved Us.