

Sermon Notes – 08.20.2023 – Commands of Jesus – Love One Another as I Have Loved You

John 15:9-13 "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. 13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

The "New Commandment," that Jesus gave us:

John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Command to Love Wasn't New - God Told the Jews to Love Others Long Ago in the Scriptures

Three "New Things" That Made the Commandment "New" to Them

- That 'Jesus is the standard' **was new**.
- That, "Observing His commands" was the way into the new life we live in Him **was new**.
- That, disciples were no longer defined by race, rites, or manner of dress but rather by the way that they loved one another, **was new**.

"Love one another as I have loved you" – "That is, with the same tender affection, willing to endure trials, to practice self-denials, and, if need be, to lay down your lives for each other",

Albert Barnes' Notes

Let's Take it One Line at a Time

John 15:9-13 "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

Jesus is preparing the disciples to be able to obey His Command

We Need to Actively Believe:

- His Father in Heaven has loved Him.
- In the same way, Jesus has loved them.
- Jesus' love had created a place for them to abide, to find their life.

<u>The Father Loves Jesus, Jesus Loves Me, and I am Determined, In the Midst of the Darkness, to Find and Live My Life in the Love of Jesus</u>

John 5:11-12 And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

Colossians 3:1-3 Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. 3 For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Holy Spirit Witness and Empowerment – We Believe in Jesus and Jesus is Alive in Us

1 John 3:23-24 This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us. 24 The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

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.

To abide in the love of Jesus – Diligently Keep the Commands of Jesus.

(Diligent = Start Early, Work hard, Work often)

11 "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, & that your joy may be made full.

Psalms 16:11 You will make known to me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; In Your right hand there are pleasures forever.

Concerning One day, God's Word says, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said to them, "Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." **Nehemiah 8:9-10**

[PRAY for Us All – That the Life and Joy of Jesus Would be in Us and Make Us Strong]

12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

13 "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

[REPEAT]

The love of Jesus is the new standard – **"As I have loved you"** - That is, with the same tender affection, willing to endure trials, to practice self-denials, and, if need be, to lay down your lives for each other,