

# I love you, I love you not!

Main Verse: John 13:34

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*" Passage Context – John 13:1-17, 31-35

## 1) Love is commanded

- *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you..*
- Why was it a new commandment?
- **Deut 6:4-5** *"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength*
- **Lev 19:18** *You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord*
- Do you get to choose your own family members or were you born into it?
- It is not possible to like everyone, but you are called to love everyone. And it's a hard commandment to follow

## 2) Love as Christ loved

- *That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*
- Jesus said it three times. That's how important it was!
- Jesus washed disciples' feet. He took the role of a slave. It was the most menial task of the day
- **Phil 2:5-9** *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross*
- Foot washing is a symbol and expression of self-giving love. It also means to serve one another, forgive one another and submit to one another
- **2 Cor 5:14-15** *For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again*
- **Phil 2:4** *Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others*

### 3) Loving one another reveals God

- ***By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.***
- What is a disciple?
- **1 John 4:7-8** *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.*
- **1 John 4:10-11** *Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us*
- **Verse 17:** *If you know these things, **blessed are you if you do them***
- **Matt 5:14-16** *“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven*