

Jesus' Love to the End

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John 13:1

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John's Profound Focus

- Last half of John's gospel covers the last hours of Jesus' life
- Jesus to face great anguish of body & soul^{Mt26:36-46; Mk14:32-42; Lk22:39-46}
- John shows us Jesus' love and concern for His own - NOT self
- the Final Passover because it would be fulfilled in Jesus *His hour had come*

Having Loved His Own

- John focuses on Jesus' actions and words chps 13-17 before cross
- See Jesus' great love: 1) nature 2) objects 3) extent of His love

1) The Nature of His Love

- In the face of suffering focus was on others *He loved them to the end*

a) Jesus loved us in the PAST

- His love started in eternity past^{Eph1:3-6}. His love existed before time!
- His own were created to receive love from heart of God

b) Jesus loved us in the PRESENT by His Incarnation

- God's love was shown by His incarnation^{1Jn4:9-10; Jn1:14; 1Jn3:16}
- Jesus created^{Col1:16} YOU, knows YOU^{JPs139:1-4} and still LOVES^{1Jn15:9} YOU!

c) Jesus loves us into the FUTURE

- If Christ's love had a starting point then it might have an ending point...
- Christ's love flows before you were born or had ever done good or evil
- When you ask, 'How could God love me?' consider nature of God^{1Jn4:8,16}
- God's love not based on us but HIS nature
- Jeremiah to God's rebellious people declares for God's love^{Jer31:31,32,34}
- Paul declares of God's love^{Rom8:31-32,35,38-39}

2) The Objects of His Love

- John uses the words *His own* - who are *His own*?
- there is a people set apart by the Father for His Son - special saving love
 - The Father's Election - Father gave Son a people^{Jn6:37; Eph1:4; Rom9:11}
 - The Son's Substitution - Son redeemed the Elect^{Mt1:21; Jn10:14-15; 25-28}
 - The Spirit's Regeneration - born from above^{Jn1:12-13; 3:5}
 - Jesus taught humans unable^{Jn6:1-69} unless the Spirit gives life^{Jn6:63}
 - Doctrines of grace should build humility not pride^{Rom9:16; Eph1:11-12}

3) The Extent of His Love *He loved them to the end*

a) Jesus loved to the end of His earthly life

- in face of His death He loved others, even when they were difficult^{Lk22:24}

b) Jesus loved them to the end of their lives

- As risen Lord He gave Spirit^{Jn20:22}. We also gifted with Spirit^{Act2:38-39; Gal3:14; Tit3:5-6}
- the gift of the Spirit is our Hope^{Rm5:5} and guarantee^{2Cor1:22; 5:5}

c) Jesus loved them to the end - forever

- end means 'very end' or forever or perfectly!

So What?

- do you know the love of Jesus deep down in your soul?
- Your love for Jesus will strengthen your obedience^{Jn14:15}
- If you believe in Jesus know YOU are loved^{1Jn3:16}
- If not a believer - don't reject His amazing grace and face judgment^{Heb9:27}
- Lord's Table = tangible reminder of Jesus' love for His own