



# THE THREAD

*weaving Sunday's message through the week*

**Date:** July 19 2020

**Passage:** John 13:31–38

**Theme:** Glory and Grace through Love

Notice three truths from this passage:

1. Glory and Grace are works accomplished by God alone (31–33).
  - a. For all of time, the glory and grace of God centers around the work of Jesus on the cross.
  - b. While God accomplishes glory and grace, he prepares us for what lies ahead.
2. We reflect God's glory and grace by loving one another (34–35).
  - a. Jesus' love enables us to love one another.
  - b. Witness and Discipleship take place in our love for one another.
3. Attempting to display God's glory and grace by other means than loving one another actually opposes the Gospel (36–38).
  - a. It opposes it by relying on our own strength.
  - b. It opposes it by denying the Truth.

**Main Idea:** Our love for our fellow believers displays that we have received and are coming to understand the glory and grace of our loving God.

## Application Questions:

•How do verses 31–33 relate to the command to love one another? Why does Jesus introduce the command with this emphasis on glory and grace (hint: cf. 1 John 4:7–11)?

•When you think of the concept of love, do you think of it more as an emotion or an action? How does this affect your understanding and application of Jesus' command here?

•In following Jesus' own example of love for us (v. 35), how can we apply this command to our lives?

•How can Peter's failure to grasp what Jesus commanded (vv. 36–38) serve as a warning to us?

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