



Title: Christ the Divine: A New Command!

Scripture: John 13:31-38

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Bible Version: NIV

BOTTOM LINE: We love because He first loved us, and the love we show others is evidence we are truly Jesus' disciples.

Vs. 31-32

Now is the Son of Man glorified- The final process of being handed over to be killed is in motion. Jesus will soon shine in his greatest glory, in light of the cross.

Vs. 33

My children- Jesus expresses his loving care and concern for his disciples.

Where I am going, you cannot come- This would have been a surprise to the disciples who had persevered with Jesus for three years, and now he is leaving them.

Vs. 34

A new command- not a brand-new idea, but a new measure to the amount of love to be shown.

Now we are to love others based on Jesus' sacrificial love for us.

Vs. 35

By this all men will know you are my disciples- The mark of discipleship is now evidenced by your love for one another.

We can't reproduce the character and love of Jesus on our own strength. Only the Holy Spirit has the power to make the changes God wants to make in our lives.

Philippians 2:13- *for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.*

Vs. 36

“Lord, where are you going?”- Peter overlooks Jesus’ new command on love, and is more concerned with finding the answer to where Jesus is going than what it means to love others.

Vs. 37-38

I will lay down my life- Peter seemed prepared to die for Christ, but would later deny him.

He would have died for Jesus but he could not stand being laughed at for Jesus’ sake. To him, a servant girl’s tongue was sharper than an executioner’s sword. (Guzik)



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Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.



DISCUSS.

1. What did Jesus mean when He said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified"? What is significant about Jesus using the word "glorify" to describe what is going to happen to Him?
2. Read Romans 5:8. How is the cross the ultimate picture of Jesus' love for us?
3. Why is actively loving other Christians such an effective way to evangelize non-Christians (13:35)? How has Jesus loved me? How can I love someone this week with this same love? Who will I intentionally love this week? In what practical ways will I show this person my love?

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1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?

