

SON OF SON OF
GOD MAN
— HIS LOVE —
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“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

(John 13:34-35)

Worldly love is pride being expressed in self-preoccupation...

People will be lovers of themselves...lovers of money...not lovers of good...lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. (2 Tim. 3:2-4)

Godly love is humility demonstrated in selfless service...

It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He now showed them the full extent of His love. (John 13:1)

- **The action of servant-love: bend low** – “The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power, and that He had come from God and was returning to God; so He got up from the meal, took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.” (John 13:2-6)
- **The motivation of servant-love: emulate Jesus** – “When He had finished washing their feet, He put on clothes and returned to His place. ‘Do you understand what I have done for you?’ He asked them. ‘You call me ‘Teacher’ and ‘Lord’ and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.’” (John 13:12-15)

‡ **Servant-love doesn’t seek fairness with people, it seeks faithfulness to God** – “If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.” (Matt. 5:41)

- **The reward of servant-love: my joy** – “I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed to do them.” (John 13:16-17)

We love because He first loved us. (1 John 4:19)