



Gospel Of John Series – 86
“Love and Loyalty in the Shadow of the Cross”
John 13:31–38

*In the face of the cross, Jesus reveals His glory,
commands His disciples to love one another,
and exposes the weakness of human loyalty apart from divine grace.*

I. THE GLORY OF THE SON AND THE FATHER (vv. 31–32)

“Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in Him.”

A. The Glory Revealed Through the Cross

B. The Glory Shared Between the Father and the Son

Application: Glorify God in your trials. What seems like loss may be the means through which God displays His greatest glory in you.

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

II. THE LOVE THAT IDENTIFIES CHRIST'S DISCIPLES (vv. 33–35)

A. The Departure of Jesus and the Devotion of His Followers (v. 33)

B. The New Commandment of Christ (vv. 34–35)

1. The Standard of Love — “*As I have loved you.*”

- His love was sacrificial, selfless, and steadfast.
- Not mere affection, but action—washing feet, bearing the cross, forgiving enemies.

2. The Sign of Love — “*By this shall all men know...*”

- The distinguishing mark of discipleship is not knowledge, gifts, or service—but love.
- The world should see Christ's love in His people.

Application:

- Love others in the church with Christlike humility and patience.
- The way we treat one another preaches louder than our sermons.

III. THE LIMITS OF HUMAN LOYALTY (vv. 36–38)

A. Peter's Confidence (v. 37)

B. Christ's Correction (v. 38)

Application:

- Beware of self-confidence in spiritual matters.
- Depend on the grace of Christ daily.
- Even when we fail, His intercession restores us.

Closing Challenge:

- Glorify Him — in your suffering.
- Love one another — as Christ loved you.
- Lean on His grace — when your strength fails.