



**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.