



May 5, 2024 – John 13:31-35

Here's what to do: love one another!

The cross will display the glory (heart and love) of Christ and Father! (31-32; Rom.5:8,10)

When I'm gone, here's what to do...

> "follow Me" turns to "you cannot come" (33)

> as He leaves, a new commandment to His community: **love one another!** (34-35)

→ It will be vital to the growth of churches!

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: (34)

→ We love in the pattern of Jesus' love!

just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (34)

→ It will be powerful for the church's presence in a hostile world!

By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (35)

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be a relentless encourager in your church!**

--- Revelation Demands Response ---

What derails us from loving one another?

1. "What you are going to do, do quickly"

> disappointed or hurt by people vs "doing good"

Jesus grasped sovereign yet He was troubled

Psalm 37:3 (sidebar)

2. "I'll see what they offer"

> Consumerism vs the blessedness of giving!

Acts 20:35 (sidebar)

3. "always in a hurry"

> busyness vs staying in step with the Spirit!

Galatians 5:25 (sidebar)

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Application questions on the back →

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³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said,

“Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

³²If God is glorified in him,

God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once.

³³Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’

³⁴A new commandment I give to you,

that you love one another:

just as I have loved you,

you also are to love one another.

³⁵By this all people will know that you are my disciples,

if you have love for one another.”

Psalm 37:3

Trust in the LORD, and do good;

dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness

Acts 20:35

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

Galatians 5:25

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

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SUNDAY after church...

Think through your morning and: 1) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you were able to give!
2) List and praise the Lord for specific encouragement you received! 3) List songs or lyrics that touched your heart.

MONDAY

READ: See the John 13:31-35. **DISCUSSION STARTED:** John 13:34, "A new commandment I give to you, *that you love one another*". Why would Jesus make such a strong statement as He anticipates his departure, leaving the church in a hostile world. Why is this powerful and so important? **PRAY:** Pray over your applications.

TUESDAY

READ: John 13:31-35. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** In our study we looked at things that hinder or derail us from *loving one another*. One was disappointments or hurts we've experienced from others. This can derail us quickly! We can't avoid hurts or disappointments, but how does Psalm 37:3 help overcome being derailed? Write out your answer. **PRAY:** Pray over your applications.

WEDNESDAY

READ: See John 13:31-35. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** In our study we looked at things that hinder or derail us from *loving one another*. Another one was consumerism or "seeing what they offer me". How does this derail, "loving one another"? Where do we pick up this consumerism, which goes cross-grain to New Testament Christianity? Is Acts 20:35 really true? And how does it help us? **PRAY:** Pray over your applications.

THURSDAY

READ: John 13:31-35. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** In our study we looked at things that hinder or derail us from *loving one another*. Another was always being in a hurry. What does it mean to you, in your life, when you're always in a hurry – or being too busy? How does Galatians 5:25 help? How can you do better at applying these verses? **PRAY:** Pray over your applications!

FRIDAY

READ: See 13:31-35. **DISCUSSION STARTER:** Write out how "being a relentless encourager in your church" is an entrance ramp to "loving one another". How would this work? **PRAY:** Pray over your application!

SATURDAY

Prepare your heart for Sunday's gathering by being ready to fully engage in the worship.