

John 13:18 "I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' ¹⁹ I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

²¹ After saying these things, Jesus was troubled in his spirit, and testified, "Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me." ²² The disciples looked at one another, uncertain of whom he spoke. ²³ One of his disciples, whom Jesus loved, was reclining at table at Jesus' side, ²⁴ so Simon Peter motioned to him to ask Jesus of whom he was speaking. ²⁵ So that disciple, leaning back against Jesus, said to him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶ Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I will give this morsel of bread when I have dipped it." So when he had dipped the morsel, he gave it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. ²⁷ Then after he had taken the morsel, Satan entered into him. Jesus said to him, "What you are going to do, do quickly." ²⁸ Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. ²⁹ Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰ So, after receiving the morsel of bread, he immediately went out. And it was night.

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. ³³ Little 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.' ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Love is learned <u>only</u> in Christian Community.

Welcome: to Grace Church in West Seattle.

We exist to declare the Gospel of Jesus Christ and learn how to fulfill Christ's command to love one another as a Christian community. We hope you will join us, but beware – we are a work in progress and we desparately need God's help. Showing each other Christian love is impossible without the help of the Holy Spirit. And you only receive the Spirit's help when you repent of unbelief in Christ and turn to Him as the way to a relationship with the Father. And when you confess Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, it is then that you are saved (see Romans 10:9-10). And part of confessing Jesus is Lord is making Him your Lord through bible reading, prayer, and application of Jesus' teachings in Christian community.

We invite you to join us that that end.

Application Questions:

- A. Have you ever been betrayed? What happened and how did it end?
- B. How is Christian community supposed to be different?
- C. Read John 13:31-35 why do you think Jesus said this immediately following the story of Judas' betrayal of Jesus?
- D. Focus on vv. 34-35 -
 - Who are we supposed to love?
 - What difference does this make?
 - How do we fulfill this?