

Love One Another

1. Read John 13:34-35
What is the new commandment that Jesus gave His disciples?
What is the standard of the love to be? What will be the result of us having love for one another?

2. Read John 13:1-30
What was Jesus in knowledge of at this time? (vs. 1&3) Do you think it is important if we are to love one another that we should know that we are of God?
Read Philippians 2:5-8 about Jesus not thinking it was robbery to be equal with God but humbling himself etc., can you see here the way that humbling worked out in practice?
Where had Jesus come from? What did He do to His disciples?
Did Jesus have any regard to Himself at this time? Did the fact that He had been betrayed put Him off? Did He wash Judas's feet?

3. Still in John 13.
Was Jesus going to be put off by Peter's refusal?
In verse 1 what was the extent of Jesus' love for His own? Is this why He insisted on getting it right for Peter - Jesus was going to love him to the end?
Now read Galatians 5:13-15. What were they told to do by love? Do you think this is what Jesus was meaning by what he taught His disciples in John 13:12-17?
What are we to be to one another? Who is our example?
What would be their state if they did these things?
Do you think serving one another in love is one of the keys to real joy?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, Matthew 25:31-46
What is it that constrains us to judge these things as Paul tells us to?
Who are we not to serve? Who are we to live unto now?
Do you think if we serve one another in love we are not only serving them but God also? (The is in Matthew 25:40&45) Can you see in Matthew the difference between the sheep and the goats? - remember Jesus said My sheep hear My voice. Is love obedience to God's word as to what is most necessary for the person in need?
We are not just called to good works in a physical sense but ALSO in a spiritual.

5. Read Isaiah 61 to see what Jesus was anointed to do.
What sort of prison were people in? Find five things that Jesus came to minister to.

6. Read 1 Peter 1:18-23
How did Peter tell them to love one another? What must be the state of their heart? What happened to their souls for this to take place? How had they purified their souls?
What had happened to them that has made all this possible? (vs. 23)
Is new birth the answer to having the ability to fulfil the commandment to love one another?

7. Read Luke 10:25-37
What was the state of the traveller?
Read John 10:1 for Jesus' comment on who the robbers are. Who had injured this man?
What were the priest and Levite putting first? Who did the Samaritan put first?
What did the Samaritan give the wounded man? Will you go and do likewise?

8. Read 1 John 3:18-24, 1 John 4:7-21
What can you learn here of loving one another? What are the commandments? What will hinder the answering of our prayers? What does love not in word or in tongue but in deed and in truth really mean? If we do not love our brother can we say we love God? Must we love both?
What if it is beyond our ability? Read Romans 5:5 for the answer