

**WELCOME TO  
THE  
Glen Burnie  
CHURCH OF  
CHRIST**

**John 13:33-35 Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. <sup>34</sup> A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."**

**BY THIS ALL  
MEN WILL  
KNOW**

# HOW DO YOU KNOW?

- A. How do you know you are a Christian? Feelings? Faith? Knowledge? Obedience to the gospel?
- B. How do you know if someone else is a Christian? Their Feelings? Their Faith? Their Knowledge? Their Obedience to the gospel?
- C. How do others know you are a Christian? Your Feelings? Your Faith? Your Knowledge? Your Obedience to the gospel?
- D. TEXT - John 13:34-35 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.<sup>35</sup> By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

# HOW DO YOU KNOW?

1. A NEW COMMANDMENT? - Leviticus 19:18b you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I *am* the LORD.
2. LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU! - John 15:12-17 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. <sup>15</sup> No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. <sup>17</sup> These things I command you, that you love one another.
3. JESUS GIVES US A NEW STANDARD OF LOVE?

# **I. THE SETTING OF JOHN 13:34-35**

## **A. 13:3-5 Washing the disciples feet**

**13:2 The devil put into the heart of Judas to betray Jesus**

**13:10 You are clean but not all of you.**

**13:11 He knew who would betray him.**

**13:18 He has lifted up his heel against me.**

**13:21 He was troubled in his spirit and said, "One of you will betray me,"**

**13:27 Satan entered Judas, Jesus said, "What you do, do quickly**

**13:31 When Judas had gone out Jesus said, "The Son of Man is glorified."**

## **B. 13:7 "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."**

# **I. THE SETTING OF JOHN 13:34-35**

- C. Jesus washed Judas' feet, knowing he was about to betray Him and send Him to the cross.**
  - 1. How would you have washed Judas' feet?**
  - 2. Jesus washed Judas' feet just as tenderly as he did the other eleven**
  - 3. Matthew 5:44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you,**
- D. JESUS IS TELLING US THAT WE NEED TO LOVE THE UNLOVABLE, EVEN THOSE WHO WOULD BETRAY US. THAT'S A DIFFERENT KIND OF LOVE.**
- E. Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

**At the end of the 2nd century, the church father Tertullian described the reputation that the early church had earned: "What marks us in the eyes of our enemies is our loving kindness. 'Only look,' they say, 'look how they love one another'"**



## **II. LOVE IS THE BADGE OF DISCIPLESHIP. IT IDENTIFIES US AS HIS DISCIPLES.**

- A. WE SHOW THE WORLD WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE - John 13:35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."**
- B. WE KNOW WE ARE HIS CHILDREN BECAUSE OF OUR LOVE - 1 John 2:5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.**
- C. WE PROVE OURSELVES TO BE GOD'S CHILDREN BY OUR LOVE FOR OUR BRETHREN -1 John 3:10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.**

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- D. WE PASS FROM DEATH TO LIFE BECAUSE OF OUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER -1 John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.**
- E. LOVE IS THE PROOF OF OUR KNOWING GOD - 1 Jn 4:7-11 — Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.<sup>8</sup> The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.<sup>9</sup> By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.<sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.<sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.**

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- F. LOVE FULFILLS ALL OTHER COMMANDMENTS - Romans 13:8-10** Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.<sup>9</sup> For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'You shall not covet,' and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'<sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.
- G. BUT THAT LOVE MUST BE SINCERE - 1 Peter 1:22** Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

III. LOVE IS WHAT UNIFIES US -  
John 17:20-21 "I do not pray for  
these alone, but also for those  
who will believe in Me through  
their word;<sup>21</sup> that they all may be  
one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and  
I in You; that they also may be one  
in Us. that the world may believe  
that You sent Me.

### **III. LOVE IS WHAT UNIFIES US.**

- A. Colossians 3:12-14 Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. <sup>14</sup> But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.**
- B. Love unifies, hate divides.**  
**Associations unify, separation divides.**  
**Trust unifies, suspicion divides.**  
**Kindness unifies, harshness divides.**  
**Equity unifies, prejudice divides.**

# **III. LOVE IS WHAT UNIFIES US.**

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- 1. When we think of likenesses we don't prefer one or the other but when we look at differences we tend to think of one being better than the other.**
- 2. Focus on likenesses unifies, focus on differences divides,**
- 3. I Cor 1:11-13 I am of Paul, I am of Apollos, I am of Cephas, I am of Christ**

## **IV. THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN**

- A. Matthew 25:37-40** Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed *You*, or thirsty and give *You* drink? When did we see You a stranger and take *You* in, or naked and clothe *You*?<sup>39</sup> Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?'<sup>40</sup> And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.'
- B. Matthew 25:44-45** Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You? Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.'
- C. The way we show love for the least loved brother, is the way we love Jesus!**

## **V. HOW CAN OTHERS TELL IF YOU ARE A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST?**

- A. Jesus did not say, "By this all men will know you are my disciples—if you are baptized into the one true, non-denominational church of Christ."**
- B. Jesus did not say, "By this all men will know you are my disciples—if you hold the correct view on Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage."**
- C. Jesus did not say, "By this all men will know you are my disciples—if you take the Lord's Supper and a collection on the first day of every week."**
- D. Jesus did not say, "By this all men will know you are my disciples—if you do not use instrumental music in worship."**



## **V. HOW CAN OTHERS TELL IF YOU ARE A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST?**

- E. Certainly we should strive for as much accuracy and precision in our following of the Scriptures as possible! After all, part of loving God is "keeping His commandments" (John 14:15).**
- F. However, if we do not have love for one another, our teaching is worthless, our worship is vain, and our salvation is nothing (1 Cor. 13:1-3).**
- G. Let us all strive for better love for one another, so that we might fulfill the word of Christ.**

# **ARE YOU KNOWN AS A CHRISIAN BY YOUR LOVE?**

- A. John 13:35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."**
- B. If someone came into this area and asked the first person they met, "Where is that group of people who love each other so much?" Would they send them to the Glen Burnie church of Christ?**
- C. Would you like to be a part of the group of Christians who are known by our love for one another?**

# **YOU CAN BE A CHRISTIAN BY DOING THE SAME THING THEY DID IN THE FIRST CENTURY...**

- **Belief - John 8:24** Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins."
- **Repentance - Acts 3:19** Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,
- **Confession - Romans 10:10** For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- **Baptism - Acts 2:38** Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- **Faithfulness - Revelation 2:10b** Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

**HAVE A  
LOVING  
WEEK**