

Jesus's Final Apologetic: Love for Fellow Christians

John 13:31-35



Countdown
to
Christmas

John 13:31-35 (ESV)

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.”

We display Christ's glory as we love other Christians.

Love for fellow Christians is an order that must be obeyed.

The model and standard of obedience is Jesus' love.

Submitting our hearts to Jesus is the only way we can love like Him.

This love is an observable, sacrificial
commitment to fellow Christians
because they are Christians.



The Mark of the Christian



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John 17:20-23

20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, **21** that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, **23** I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Non-Christians have the Christ-given right to make a judgment as to whether they think you are a true follower of Christ based on your love for fellow Christians.

Non-Christians will judge the trustworthiness of Jesus based upon the loving unity of Christians in their relationships.

The world is watching.

What will they see in 2019?