

May 18, 2025  
**“Staying Close to Christ!”**  
**(John 13:31-38)**

Our passage for today is directed at the \_\_\_\_\_.

If we truly want to be the church of Jesus Christ we try to live our lives \_\_\_\_\_ his example and his \_\_\_\_\_ as God gives us the \_\_\_\_\_ to do so!

Our passage today takes us back to before \_\_\_\_\_.

Throughout his whole experience, Jesus demonstrates \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

His disciples would survive in his absence by \_\_\_\_\_ his teaching and \_\_\_\_\_ his example of \_\_\_\_\_!

**1.- The command to \_\_\_\_\_ was not a \_\_\_\_\_ commandment.**

\_\_\_\_\_ teaches the principle of loving your \_\_\_\_\_ as you love yourself.

We were never designed to live \_\_\_\_\_ from others!

**2.- We are to love them as \_\_\_\_\_ loves us.**

The standard for love is moved from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_!

Christ’s love is \_\_\_\_\_ and unconditional!

Christian love, like Christ’s love is unconditional and \_\_\_\_\_!

It’s a kind of love that is usually manifested by those who have given their lives \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus!

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**3.- The first place this love should be made manifest is within the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.**

This command is directed to the \_\_\_\_\_!

The church is intended to be a \_\_\_\_\_ place where we can be ourselves without the fear of \_\_\_\_\_!

It’s to be a place where people truly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one another!

It’s no wonder that people outside the church wonder about the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_!

Christ doesn’t expect us to do that which is \_\_\_\_\_ but that which is \_\_\_\_\_!

The one place we simply can’t have an \_\_\_\_\_ is within the \_\_\_\_\_!

If we do, we’re to do \_\_\_\_\_ within our power to make that enemy a \_\_\_\_\_!

How are we to love?

We are to love others as Christ loved us, he who was willing to lay down his life on our behalf!

“A new command I give you, Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

-- **John 13:34-35**

