



Knowing God, Loving God

John 13:31-35

The Parental Ultimatum: “While I am gone to the grocery store you two boys had better clean this room or you will be grounded for a year! You have one hour!” (Director’s note: parent exits stage right with slamming door.)

Why are we talking about this? Jesus is far more mature in His commands to us, but while He is gone to heaven, He has given us something that we “had better do.”

Central Idea: The thing we must do while we wait for heaven...is to love one another just like Jesus loved us.

- God is _____ in both the sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus. (vv 31, 32)

- We are _____ people who must live for now without Jesus physically present. (v 33)
 - Key Skill: Living in Jesus’ presence right now.

- The Eleventh _____: Love one another just as Jesus loved us. (vv 34, 35)
 - Unconditional:
 - Sacrificial:
 - Actively:
 - Persistently:

For Instance:

Application: Not only did Jesus command us to love but, in this sin soaked world and unfriendly universe, everyone you know is in a fight—and in desperate need of Jesus’-kind-of-love.

- Some of the battles are obvious like cancer or dying parents or lost jobs.
- Some of the battles are hidden like mental illness or alienation or addictions.
- Ask God to lead you to one person who is in a fight and who needs Jesus’-kind-of-love from you.

Walking Papers

“Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.”

The Big Idea: The thing we must do while we wait for heaven...is to love one another just like Jesus loved us.

Please take some time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today.** Reflect on this reality: God glorified Himself by sacrificing and resurrecting His Son. Why did God do this? How did this bring glory to God? How does all this reflect the unity and community in the Trinity?
- **Monday.** What is Jesus doing right now, while not physically present with us, and what do His activities mean for your life?
- **Tuesday.** What is involved in “living in the presence of Jesus” while He is not physically here? How are you doing with that? What do you need to change?
- **Wednesday.** What does it mean for you to love your family members, friends, and others unconditionally?
- **Thursday.** What does it mean for you to love your family members, friends, and others sacrificially?
- **Friday.** What does it mean for you to love your family members, friends, and others actively?
- **Saturday.** What does it mean for you to love your family members, friends, and others persistently?

***“A major part of loving the Savior Who is not here,
is loving the people who are.”***