

## Communion Meditation - Final Admonitions

John 13.31-35

Loving Sacrifice

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### Context

- Jesus had washed the Apostle's feet - ("humility in service!")
- They'd eaten the Lord's Supper
- Jesus foretold betrayal + dispatched Judas

### Jesus Immediately Glorified

- Judas' betrayal was painful for Christ to endure
- Read v21 ~ ("troubled in spirit")
- Yet He also appears relieved to have arrived at this hour

### New Commandment

- How can Jesus say that to ("love one another") is a new commandment?
  - Loving others is the 2nd table of the Law
  - Not loving others was Cain's sin against Abel
- Our writer, John, expands on this in 1 John 2.7-8
- So what are the OLD and NEW commandments?
  - OLD - "Love your neighbor as yourself"
  - NEW - " " " " - "just as I have loved you"
  - ↳ "just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another"
- Jesus' example is our NEW commandment
  - The Jews had done this so poorly that Christ's example is NEW

### NEW Love

- What is this "new" part of the commandment?
- How did Christ love them?
  - COMPLETELY and UNCONDITIONALLY
  - He loved Judas and Peter just as He had loved John
- Read John 13.1 - ("He loved them to the end.")
  - He loved Judas despite his imminent betrayal
  - He loved Peter despite his imminent denial
  - He loved them ALL despite their imminent abandonment

### Love One Another

- We are to love one another as Jesus loves us
  - We are to NOT keep a record of slights
  - We are to look past such things - no diminishing of affection
  - We must love one another enough to confront when needed
- Let us commit ourselves to truly LOVING one another, as Christ loved
- Let's erase the scorecards we tend to keep in our relationships
- Let's crucify our critical spirits by which we judge others and find them wanting for character worthy of our love...