

John 13: Judas, Serve& Love.

I. (2,10,11,18,21-33) Judas

Judas, under the influence of Satan made the decision to betray Jesus Christ.

Genesis 4:6-7 – *So the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.*

James 1:13-15– *Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death.*

James 4:7 – *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*

II. (1,3-9, 12-17) Serve

He loved them to the end: *Jesus will never stop loving His own. It isn't a love that comes and goes, that is here today and gone tomorrow. He loved them so much that He washed their feet (served).*

Jesus rose from supper, laid aside His garments, took off His covering, took a towel, poured water into a basin, washed their feet and returned to His seat. **He laid aside His majesty, came in form of a man, offered Himself to be killed, by His blood we're washed and He is seated reigning in glory.** We ought to wash one another with His cleansing WORD.

Peter clearly felt uncomfortable with having Jesus perform such a humble act of service for him. What Jesus Christ did was a slaves' job and He tells us to do likewise, to serve one another. He loves us so much that He taught us to serve one another.

Luke 22:27 - *“For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.*

Mark 10:45 – *“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”*

Galatians 6:10 - *Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of God.*

III. Love (34-35)

1 John 3:18 - *My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.*

Love (agape) is action for the welfare of others regardless of who they are, even when they don't deserve or appreciate it.

1 John 4:7-8-*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

To know God is to know that He is love and He loves and to be like Him is to do the same.

Humour: Two friends were discussing the possibility of love.

"I thought am a loving person,"

"Thought?" The other asks. "What do you mean?"

"Three years ago, I cared very for a stranger who wanted nothing to do with me," "Wasn't that love?"

"No, that was obsession,"

"Then two years ago, I cared very deeply for a friend who didn't understand me." "Wasn't that love?"

"No, that was misunderstanding,"

"And just last year, I met somebody while I was on a boat cruise. She was gorgeous, intelligent, a great conversationalist and had a super sense of humour. Everywhere I followed her on that ship, I would get a very strange sensation in the pit of my stomach." "Well, wasn't that love?"

"No. That was motion sickness!"

1 John 4:20-21 - *If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.*

How do we love? 1 Corinthians 13.

Love is the mark of the fellowship of true believers, and all other things are secondary.