

**LOVING JESUS**  
**The Last Supper, Pt.5**  
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**John 14:15-31**

Jesus makes it clear, here, that Christianity is a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with Him.

- “If you love me...” (v.15)
- “The one who loves me...” (v.21)
- “...I too will love them...”(v.21)
- “If you loved me...” (v.28)

Nothing new: *Deuteronomy 6:4-5*

Throughout history, most religions \_\_\_\_\_ about a love relationship with their god.

But Israel’s God, Yahweh, made it clear from the start that He loves His people and He wants His people to love Him.

They \_\_\_\_\_.

Not with all their heart and soul and strength  
They were constantly giving their love and worship to other gods.

There are still those who call themselves “Christians” but who choose to love and live for other “gods” or idols besides Jesus.

But

The Lord wants \_\_\_\_\_ of our love and doesn’t want to be just another relationship.

- Jesus to Jewish religious leaders: *John 5:39-40*
- Jesus, looking at the Jewish people of Jerusalem: *Matt 27:37*

**Obedience to God’s Word without love for the Lord is just religion.**

**On the other hand...**

**Genuine love for Jesus is meant to shown by obedience to Him.**

- *"If you love me, keep my commands" (v.15)*
- *"Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me." (v.21)*
- *"Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching." (v.23)*

What commands? \_\_\_\_\_ of them.

One command that Jesus had just given that He emphasized that last night with His disciples:

*John 13:34-35 (NIV)*

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

And not from a distance! *Hebrews 10:24-25*

Loving each other means doing this: *Colossians 3:12-14*

*"I fall short of loving and acting in love toward my brothers and sisters in the Lord at times. Does that mean that I really don't love God?"*

There is only one Person who has perfectly loved God the Father and thus perfectly obeyed Him. \_\_\_\_\_

- *"...the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me... (v.30)*
- *"...so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father commanded me."*

The Lord knows that this can't be said of us: *1 John 1:8*

Because the Lord loves us and is ready and willing to show grace to us, John goes on to say this: *1 John 1:9*

People who truly love the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ that they have fallen short of obeying Him in things like loving other Christians. They \_\_\_\_\_ their stumbling and seek to change.

The more we seek to obey the Lord and love Him by loving each other, the more we see that we \_\_\_\_\_ do it on our own.

We need help!

Where that help comes from: *John 14:16-17*

The Holy Spirit is our helper.

Three things the Holy Spirit does to help us obey Jesus command to love Him and one another:

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ us.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ us.
3. He \_\_\_\_\_ us.