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Love one another—even when...

We are all familiar with Jesus words to his disciples in John 13:34-35:

“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.”

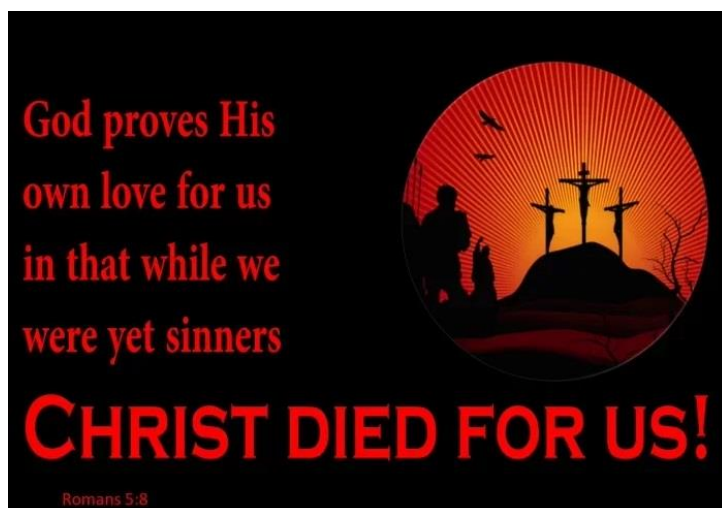
But we too often fail to take note of the meaning of the words and context into which Jesus speaks this new command. He is preparing his disciples for his death, burial, resurrection and ascension. He would be taken away from them violently, killed and one of their own would be the agent of his arrest. Back in John 13:24-30 Jesus has predicted his betrayal and sent Judas on his way to complete his task. It is in this setting of betrayal, impending suffering and death that Jesus gives the command to love one another.

Love even when you are betrayed; love even when you’ve been let down. Love even when others are unloving to you. Love even when it is of no advantage to you. Love even when the offer of love is unappreciated or rejected. Love even when others have failed and fallen short of the mark (sin).

This is no ordinary love: this is *agape* in contrast to the other two words often translated as “love” in English. Neil Alexander in his 1928 book *The Epistles of John* gives us a working definition of *agape* as being our conscious decision to do what is in the best interest of another person—not because of relational link or mutual benefit (*philia*) or because of lust or attraction (*eros*) but because it is just the right thing to do! Alexander summarizes it this way: “...eros is all take, *philia* is give and take, *agape* is all give.” (p. 32-39). Jesus certainly models this as he gives his new command even as he himself is about to be betrayed, abandoned, beaten and eventually killed.

By this will all men know you are my disciples—by the agape (love) you have for one another. Do you love only people who love you? Do you love others because you have to—or do you love because it is the right thing to do? Let us follow Jesus’ example of love—even to the point of loving the one who nails us to a cross. It is to this type of love we have been called by God out of the world and into the wonderful light of His son and our savior Jesus Christ!

Roger Woods



“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.”

1 Peter 4:8

When I consider my sins that God has forgiven, how can I possibly continue to hold things against the ones who have sinned against me?” – Jon Powless

(see Matthew 6:15)

Our Prayer List

- Obi Herbert has a doctor's appointment on June 9th to determine treatment for a sty on his eye that isn't healing. Pray for the medical staff to be able to diagnose and treat the problem.
- Classmates of Trent and Michelle, Chris and Renee Potter, are serving the church and community in Uvalde, Tx where 18 children and 3 adults were killed at an elementary school - mostly 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders. Approximately 14 others are being treated for injuries at the hospital with one of them in critical condition. The Potters have grandkids and cousins in this small Texas town. Pray for all the families. Prior to shooting at the school, the shooter (18 years old) and a student at the high school, shot his grandmother who is being treated in the hospital. Although the 18 yr old was killed, we need to lift his grandmother and also him in prayer. God knows the hearts of everyone and we are not to judge. But we are to pray.
- Prayer request for Troy, and my dad, Ken Stratton (E. Wenatchee). They both have tested positive for Covid and no they have not been around each other. lol Both are in good spirits. – Paula.
- Please pray for a hedge of protection from this virus for Paula from getting Covid.
- Please pray for Cassidy. She is a friend of Bonnie's family, and she is in middle school in Idaho. She just had a large, benign brain tumor removed six months ago because it was causing problems. But now, six months later, she is still having issues, and is currently in the hospital for testing. Everyone is concerned. She also suffers from chronic headaches. Thank you so much for praying.
- Please pray for James and Connie Greer. His brother Franklin passed away this morning in Houston.
- Pray for Franklin's wife Virginia and the Greer family.
- Pray for Sandi's son Michael whose birthday is upcoming. Also for an interview he has applied for. Pray for Greg.
- Roger Taylor's sister Kathleen's infection is now in her bloodstream. Her health is failing and not expected to live much longer. Pray for Roger, Kathleen and their families. Pray for the medical staff.
- Karen's friend Virginia is having shoulder surgery tomorrow. Karen would like prayers for her and the medical team.
- Praise that Nancy Armenta went through her kidney surgery successfully. She is resting at home. Praise for a good report back and for her recovery.
- Pray for Tammy White who has been diagnosed with 3 brain tumors and will see the neurologist. Pray the doctors who will be treating her are God led.
- Pray for Lori Warnke. She will be having brain surgery for an aneurism, but it has not yet been scheduled.
- Pray for those grieving over the loss of loved ones: The Fry family, the Byrd family and the Meyers family.
- Prayers for Levi Herbert's graduation. Pray for Penny and Kara (Penny's daughter) as they are traveling this week.
- Pray for our sisters Barbara Byrd and Charlotte Hahn.
- Always be mindful in your prayers for those who are lost, lonely, hungry, trafficked, depressed etc.
- That we will walk with an Attitude of Gratitude for all God has blessed us with - especially His son Jesus.
- Continued prayers for the citizens of Ukraine and also pray for their enemy.
- Many blessings and thanks for all the work the Deacons, Minister, Leadership team, Missions do for us, for our nation and its leaders. May all of their decisions be God led.
- Pray for many blessings to our brothers and sisters.

Study Questions Acts Chapter 20

1. Where does Paul head to after he leaves Ephesus?
2. Why does Luke record all of those who accompanied Paul?
3. Was Luke apart of this trip? What indicates this?
4. What was Paul in a hurry to get to Jerusalem for?
5. From what city did Paul call the Elders?
6. How would you describe Paul's meeting with the Elders?
7. What did he share with them?
8. What warnings does he give?
9. How did the meeting end?

POCOC Web Site (<http://pococ.weebly.com/>)

- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristen Herbert and Roy Merritt. Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous recordings, too:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the video.
 Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online – Click on **Teachings**
- Current Event Calendar - Click on **News & Events**

Sunday Worship for May 29, 2022 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed after communion for Children’s Church) Watch live stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ				
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing: Bob McDaniel	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Darrell Fry	Communion: Levi Herbert
9:30am Adult Class: Auditorium The Life of Christ: Trent Herbert		Children Class: Downstairs Combined Class		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID				
Acts Class (Zoom) Sundays: 6:00 – 7:00 pm		Prayer & Praise Meeting (Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm		
Men’s Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesday, 10:00 am		Ladies Prayer Group (Zoom) Tuesdays: 10:00 am		
Let’s Sing! - Thursday 6:00pm at the building If you like to sing, this is the place. We’ll sing our favorite hymns & spiritual songs. This will also be a great time to learn (or help someone else learn) to sing one of the harmony parts.				

Communion and Tithes & Offerings

Communion will again be available on the table at the front. Or you may pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

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If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104	

Happy Birthday!

May: Levi Herbert – 26, Sarah Hill – 31.

June: Judy VanLeuven – 11, Obidiah Herbert – 14, Lila Mason – 15, Miki Gross – 23, Kenny Benjamin, Pilita David – 26, Greg Warner – 29, René Powless – 29.

Love Each Other

Verse 1

All the room was hushed and still
And when the bowl was filled
He stooped to wash their feet
And when it was complete

He said
This is what I'm asking you to do
This is why I'm kneeling here beside you.
This is what I want my church to be
This is what I want the world to see
Who it is you follow

Chorus

Love each other one another
Love each other in the way
That I have loved you
Walk together and whatever comes
Love each other in the way
That I have loved you

Verse 2

Let the room be hushed and still
Let us go to where He kneels
And join Him as He serves
And learn His ways of love

He said
This is what I'm asking you to do
This is why I'm kneeling here beside you
This is what I want my church to be
This is what I want the world to see
Who it is you follow



<https://youtu.be/lcytvqn8h3o>

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