**JOHN 15:9-11**

**5/1/19**

**INTRO – I’ve Heard The Gospel Of John Called Many Things: “The Most Spiritual Of Four Gospels” – “The Gospel Of Belief” – “The Gospel Of The Holy Spirit.”**

**All Of These Descriptions Have Their Validity. However, I Would Suggest That John Could Also Be Called:**

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**“The Gospel Of Agape”**

**Love (Agape) Is Found 37 Times, Throughout 27 Verses, In John (*1/3 Of Entire New Testament*).**

**However, It Is Incredible That When We Look At All Of John’s Writings, We Find That He Mentions “Agape,” A Whopping 62 Times (*53% Of NT*)!**

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John 37

I John 28

Ii John 2

Iii John 1

Revelation 4

**The Point Is This: The Idea Of Abiding, Obedience, Bearing Spiritual Fruit, Are All Energized, And Wrapped In The Context Of Love!**

***Let’s See More Now, Of How “Agape Love,” Factors In The Life Of A Believer.***

**1. V. 9a – What Is The Incredible Statement Jesus Makes At The Beginning Of Verse 9?**

**2. To Understand The Full Magnificence Of This Statement, What Must We Ask Ourselves? (*How/In What Manner, Does The Father Love The Son?*)**

**3. There Are Many Adjectives We Can Use To Describe The Father’s Love For Christ…**

**Eternal**

**Unchanging/Invariable**

**Tender/Affectionate**

**Deep/Unbreakable**

**4. Let’s Look At An Incidence When This Love Was Expressed (*Matthew 3:16-17*)**

**5. When God Looks At Us, This Is What He Says! (*Though Christ Was Worthy, And We Are Unworthy*)**

**6. V. 9b – Jesus Begins The Verse With A Statement Of Truth, And Ends It With A *Call To Action*, Based On That Truth. What Is It?**

**7. KJV Uses The Word, “Continue.” We Are Becoming Very Familiar With This Word, Because It Is The Same Word That Is Translated Earlier As “Abide.”**

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To Stay (In A Given Place, State, Relation Or Expectancy): - Dwell, Endure, Be Present, Remain, Stand, Tarry.

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This Means To Live In The Constant Awareness And Assurance Of Christ’ Love For Us; And As Is Becoming Of One, Who Is Loved By Christ.

**9. The Question For You And Me Is This:**

**How Do We *Abide* In The Love Of Christ?**

**How To We Live In The Constant *Awareness,* *Assurance*; And *As Becometh One*, Who Is Loved By Christ?**

**10. V. 10 – Verse 10 Tells Us. What Does Jesus Say, Here?**

**11. Our Disobedience To Christ Does Not Diminish His Love For Us.**

**He Does Not Stop Loving Us Every Time We Miss The Mark!**

**However, When We Realize We Are Not Living In Obedience, It Is Difficult For Us To *Feel The Assurance* Of His Love.**

**12. Commentator Adam Clarke Puts It This Way:**

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“Hence We Learn That It Is Impossible To Retain A Sense Of God’s Pardoning Love, Without Continuing In The Obedience Of Faith.”

* Adam Clarke

**13. When We Are Living In Disobedience, Satan Can Make Us Feel Condemned, Unworthy - Even Unsaved.**

**14. V. 11a – Jesus Begins Verse 11 By Saying, “These Things Have I Spoken Unto You.” What Are The Things That He Has Spoken To Them?**

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* The Purpose Of His Going Away
* Their Reunion With Him In The Father’s House
* The Gift Of The Holy Spirit
* The Eternal Life They Are To Receive
* Their Fruitfulness Through Abiding In Him
* The Unimaginable Love He Has For Them

**15. V. 11b – What Is The Reason Jesus Has Said All These Things To Them, In The Last Two Chapters?**

**16. What Does It Mean That “Your Joy Might Be Full?”**

**(*Over Abundant –* *Over Flowing* – *Replete* – *Brimming*)**

**17. Who Can Remind Us Of The Disciples Emotional And Mental State In The Upper Room? (Despondent – Discouraged – Afraid)**

**18. In Our Times Of Trials And Testing, We Too Can Have Joy, As We Remember These Truths, Which Are Not Just For The Disciples, But For Us, Also!**

**19. Paul’s Prayer *(Someone Read Ephesians 3:14-19)***