

Sermon Series: Lenten Sermons, Passion Week

Study Guide
(03/08/10 - 03/12/10)

Sermon #3

“A New Commandment: Love One Another.”

Felt Need:

“People feel a great need to be loved.”

Basic Need/God Given Need:

“People need the love of God poured into their hearts by the Holy Spirit, through forgiveness in Jesus.”

Basic Truth:

“Jesus said, ‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you.’” John 13:34

Thomas Watson said: “In the first century, there was so much love among the Christians as to set the heathen a-wondering, and now there is so little, as to set most Christians a-blushing.”

Illustration: Preferred **Future** pulls our Present **Reality** into **Transformed lives for Jesus.**

P.Fs.--- Galatians 5:13, Ephesians 4:1-3, Ephesians 4:30-32

There is one life and then comes **judgment**,
“What do you want to spend your life doing?”

- If you don’t give it **away**, you can’t **keep** it.
- Your life will be “**up** and to the right”, if you love like Jesus loved.
- Your life will be “**down** and to the left”, if you don’t love like Jesus loved.

This study guide is designed to allow you to dig deeper into the Christian life. Use this study guide each night at the family dinner table or use this guide during your personal “Daily Reflections” each day this week, as you seek to live as a Spirit-Filled Christian.

Monday - Galatians 5:13

- You are free, but you are not to do what with your freedom?
- What are we to do for one another?

Tuesday - Ephesians 4:1-3

- What does it mean to walk in a manner worthy of your calling?
- Give some descriptions of how we are to treat one another?
- What are you to be diligent about?

Wednesday - Ephesians 4:30-32

- What does a lack of love in a person’s lifestyle do to the Holy Spirit? (v.30)
- What six actions or attitudes are not in a living Christian’s life?
- What do these phrases mean to you, “Forgiven people forgive” or “Loved people love”?

Thursday - Colossians 3:12-17

- What seven actions or attitudes characterize a Christian’s life? (v.12)
- What is the bond of perfect unity? (v.14)

Friday - I Thessalonians 5:11

- In what are we to build up one another?
- How do you comfort, encourage, cheer up and strengthen other Christians?