

THE LAST WORD



JOHN 13-17



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Today's Worship Service

PRAISE

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness. (Psalm 29:2)

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Mike Matheson

Call To Worship

Zephaniah 3:14-17

["God So Loved"](#)

Bergthold, Cash

["I Want to Know You"](#)

Robinson, Thompson, Proctor, Farren

RENEWAL

As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103:12)

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mike Matheson

["Glorify Thy Name"](#)

Adkins

["From Whom All Blessings Flow \(Doxology\)"](#)

Davenport, Ligertwood

PROCLAMATION

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. (Psalm 25:4)

Reading of the Word

[John 13:31-35](#)

Amos Beernink

Reader: This is God's Word for us today.

All: Thanks be to God.

Preaching of the Word

Pastor Mike Matheson

RESPONSE

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. (Psalm 63:3)

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Mike Matheson

["Take My Life"](#)

Giglio, Havergal, Malan, Tomlin

["What Love Is"](#)

Lindsey

Benediction

Matthew Lautz

John 13:31-35

A New Commandment

[31] When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. [32] If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. [33] Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' [34] A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. [35] By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (ESV)

Sermon Notes

Preacher: Pastor Mike Matheson

Sermon: Why Love?

Scripture: [John 13:31-35](#)

Date: January 17, 2021

For more information on this topic look into:

John: A 12-Week Study. (Knowing the Bible series) by Justin Buzzard

John 13-21 For You (God's Word for You) by Josh Moody

ESV Scripture Journal

Next week: [John 13:36-14:14](#)

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” [John 13:34-35](#)

Sermon Review Discussion Questions

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

Throughout John's Gospel we have read about God's love for the world, the Father's love for the Son, and even Jesus' love for his friends and disciples. But how well do we really understand what love truly is? On his final night with his disciples, Jesus will impart a new command to them: they should love one another as he has loved them. Seems like a simple instruction. However, once the disciples witness how he demonstrates his true love for them—that is, by going to the cross for them—that is when they will learn what true love looks like and why it's so important that love be witnessed through our lives as believers.

Discussion Questions

1. What are the various ways we might use the word 'love'? How can the same word be used to describe our devotion to a spouse and our affection for a favorite meal? In what ways might the world define 'love' differently than those following Christ?
2. What does Jesus mean by, "the Son of Man is now glorified" ([John 13:31-32](#))? What has now taken place that brings this about? Where has John's Gospel previously discussed how and when Jesus would be glorified? Why is this important for us to understand?
3. How is Jesus' glorification connected to his going away ([13:33](#))? What would we imagine Jesus' tone would have been when speaking to the disciples? How does this passage compare with Jesus' words in 8:21-24? In what ways does his going away demonstrate the depth of Jesus' love for his disciples?
4. What is "new" about the command that Jesus gives to the disciples ([13:34-35](#))? How does Jesus demonstrate his love to his disciples? How can we display Christlike sacrifice to one another? Why must our love to each other be displayed for the world to see?
5. To what extent is our understanding of love incomplete without seeing it through Christ's death on the cross? How does the cross enhance our understanding of who God truly is? What is at stake if we don't put this same love on display for all to see?

Annual Members Meeting: Sunday, Jan 31, 11:00am

Members of Grace Church are invited to our Annual Members Meeting. All are welcome to attend; however, only members can participate in the meeting. We encourage you to read carefully through the 2020 annual report.

If you have a question, don't wait until the meeting to ask it!

Please reach out to the appropriate ministry director or call the church office at 262-632-2111.

2020 Annual Report

Copies of the 2020 Annual Report are available at the Info Center. An electronic copy is available on REALM. The theme of this year's report is Thrive, centered around Habakkuk 3:18-19 *"yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation; God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places."*

We think you will enjoy the stories shared by Grace members on ways they have thrived in 2020. We also asked various questions to our staff members and elders; please take some time to read through their encouraging responses. The report also includes detailed financial information. If you have questions, feel free to call the church office.

2021 Elder Candidates

Complete bios available at the Information Center.

Paul Durbin

Paul and his wife, Jennifer, have been attending Grace since 1999. Paul has served on various ministry teams and has participated in many mission trips including eight trips to Guatemala for medical-dental trips. Paul is an Internal Medicine Physician at Ascension All Saints. He and Jennifer have eight children.

Matthew Hagemann

Matthew has been attending Grace Church since he was six years old. He has previously served on the Elder Council, and is privileged to be asked to serve again. He and his wife Laura have four children.

Patrick Tetzlaff

Patrick and his wife, Erin, became members at Grace Church in 2017. Patrick has led classes and serves in Student Ministries. He and Erin have three children. Patrick has a passion for teaching, sharing his faith, and apologetics.

Welcome to Grace Church!

It's great to have you here today and we'd love to connect with you! Visit graceinracine.com/connectcard or scan this QR code to let us know you visited, ask questions, submit prayer requests, or indicate an area of Grace Church that is of interest to you.



Friendly Reminders:

- Those 5 years of age and up are required to wear a face-covering when attending Sunday worship services. **Please keep your mask on during the entire service.**
- Forget your mask today? We have free ones at the info booth.
- Please maintain social distancing.
- After service, please exit the building and use outside spaces to visit while still maintaining distancing.
- If sharing a pew with another family please ensure 6 ft between your two families, making sure there are two white dots between you.
- Offering boxes are located outside the main sanctuary doors and in the balcony.
- The seating outside the sanctuary window is reserved for parents with infants and young children.
- The church staff is available by appointment, phone, and video conferencing during the week.

Senior Adults Bible Study

January 21, 12:30pm - 2pm

Senior Adults Bible Study is a great opportunity to experience fellowship, study the Bible, and connect with other seniors.

Sunday Morning Childcare

Childcare is available for children age one year - kindergarten. You must RSVP each week online as there is limited space in the classrooms.

Care Ministry

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Virginia DeJong

Our heartfelt love, sympathy, and prayers to Dan & Sharon Goldsworthy and Laurel & Mitch Leizke on the passing of Dan's father, Laurel's grandfather, Dale Robert Goldsworthy.

Last Week: Sanctuary Attendance: 264 // Livestream Attendance: 144 households

Giving: Last Week: \$16,901 YTD: \$38,717 +/- Budget: \$-25,742

Here are some key words and phrases to listen for in the sermon. Make a mark every time you hear these words:

LOVE

GLORIFY

ONE ANOTHER

SON OF MAN

COMMANDMENT



Why Love?

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW AND THINK ABOUT HOW EACH TIES IN WITH TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE:

**CHILDREN
COME**

**COMMANDMENT
DISCIPLES**

**GLORIFIED
LOVE**

**NEW
ONE ANOTHER**

**SEEK
SON OF MAN**

D D L J Q G X U Y Q C F R F K J X S K G P B V Z W F T D U O
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 U S R R L K I W K A G B C F B T D X O Q N A R M X L B J B L
 Q B A B W M T W E N X K W V F F S V Z R E F S A V K Y C L C
 K H F W G T B X O U J G D O T Z L G I Y Z W Z I R D E B V W
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**THIS WEEK'S
MEMORY VERSE IS
JOHN 13:34-35:**

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
 John 13:34-35

Work on committing this verse to memory and thinking about it this week.

How is the way that Jesus loves different than the way the world defines “love”? What is one specific way you can show someone the love of Jesus through your actions this week?

REVIEW TODAY'S MESSAGE BY DISCUSSING THESE QUESTIONS AS A FAMILY:

1. Read John 13:31-35 together as a family. Retell the events of this passage in your own words. Where is this taking place? What is Jesus saying about Himself? How should we respond to what Jesus is saying?
2. Jesus references this command as a “new” commandment? What makes it “new”? How does loving others as Jesus loves us, look differently than even obeying the command to “love your neighbor as yourself”?
3. How does loving like Jesus, glorify (show the specialness and worth of) Jesus/God? What is the relationship between loving like Jesus and worshipping Jesus? Read Romans 12:1 for a hint and then read all of Romans 12 together for some ideas on tangible ways to show the love of Jesus. Which of the commands in this chapter is hardest for you to obey, which is easiest?
4. In this passage, Jesus tells His disciples that He is living and they cannot come with Him, at least not yet. Why is it important for us to show the love of Jesus on earth in these days when Jesus is now in Heaven?