

Lessons from the Cross

John 13:31-38

Main Point:

Learn from the cross of Christ and apply its significance to your life.

1. The cross displays the glory of God.
2. The cross directs you how to love.
3. The cross defines you as a Christian.
4. The cross determines your eternal home.
5. The cross deals with your many failures.

Sinclair Ferguson “Here He was reassuring His disciples of what He Himself had long known. There was a reality deeper than the agony of Gethsemane and Calvary.”

John 17:1 1 ... “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, (NKJV)

Leviticus 19:18 18 You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I *am* the LORD. (NKJV)

Sinclair Ferguson “It is not ‘new’ in the sense of being ‘novel’. It is the ‘old’ commandment, to love God and to love our neighbor. But it is given new significance in its fulfillment in Jesus.”

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 4 Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. (NKJV)

R.C. Sproul “Jesus here identified a sure sign of faith in Him and a test of one’s salvation - love for the brethren.”

Galatians 5:6 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love. (NKJV)

John Gill “All the saints shall follow Christ to heaven, who is their forerunner for them entered; and as sure as he is there, so sure shall they be also ... [because] the blood of Christ can never be spilled in vain.”

Mark Johnston “Peter was boasting to his Lord and Master, ‘You need me!’ Jesus was saying to his dear disciple, and to every follower, ‘No, my friend, you need me!’”