

Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

September 10

JESUS'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

THE LOVE OF GOD

John 13:1-11 (ESV)

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

"Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. 2 During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, 'Lord, do you wash my feet?' 7 Jesus answered him, 'What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.' 8 Peter said to him, 'You shall never wash my feet.' Jesus answered him, 'If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.' 9 Simon Peter said to him, 'Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!' 10 Jesus said to him, 'The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.' 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, 'Not all of you are clean.'"

FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LOVE OF JESUS:

1. Jesus loves the unlovable.

*"...having loved his own **who were in the world**, he loved them to the end."*

Romans 5:8 (ESV) *"but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"*

2. Jesus's love never fails.

*"...he loved them **to the end**."*

Ephesians 2:4-5 (ESV) *"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—"*

3. Jesus's love is possessive.

"...his own..."

Isaiah 43:1-3 (ESV)

*"But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
'Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Cush and Seba in exchange for you.'"*

4. Jesus's love is expressed through servicing.

Luke 22:27b *"I am among you as one who serves."*

5. Jesus's loves his enemies.

Matthew 5:43-44 (ESV) *"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,"*