

Responsibility To A Local Church (3)

- John 13:31-35 -

- A. Does a *service station* provide *service* anymore? Does a church display love anymore? Should others expect love for one another as a responsibility of a local church?
- B. **Romans 12:4,5** shows the need for dependence upon one another. We are accountable to one another... Therefore, we cannot truthfully say, "I have nothing to do".
- C. We are members of a one another body - connected in fellowship by Jesus Christ (**I John 1:3**). Let us watch our...

1. _____ of _____ (1 Jn 2:7-11)

- A. The test of our fellowship with God is our *treatment of one another*... This is "no new commandment." (v.7)...
- B. Treatment of one another is the difference between light and darkness (v.8,9), and the difference in brethren and the world.
- C. The difference in righteousness and unrighteousness is the treatment of brethren (**1 Jn 3:10,11; Lev 19:18**)
- D. Professing fellowship with Christ, but failure to treat brethren as brethren is hypocrisy (v.9-11) - **EX: Micah 3:1-3; 6:8**

2. _____ Toward One Another

- A. **1 John 3:13-18** It should not trouble us that the world would hate Christians (**Jn 15:17-20; 3:19-21**), & disciples should walk in the light (**1 Jn 1:5-7**)...
- B. Look at the *manner* of your love toward brethren... **EX:** The Titanic passengers... Love's definition is best seen rather than spoken (v.17,18)...
- C. Notice v.16. Jesus issued the same challenge in **Jn 15:13,17**. Love *sacrifices* for its friends... **EX:** Boy needing a kidney; A father and son in a boat on the lake.

3. What Does _____ Know About _____ and _____

- A. *Love does not exist without* _____ (1 Jn 4:7,10, 19)
- B. *Love for* _____ *is visible in your love toward others* (v.7,11)
- C. *Fellowship with* _____ *cannot continue without my love toward one another in the church* (v.20,21; 1 Jn 1:3)...
- D. _____ *knows love casts out fear* (v.18) We should not be afraid to show love, nor approach the judgment because of love.