# Loving the Lord and Loving One Another for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ – Week 6

## The Lord's New Commandment Given to Us—That We Love One Another

## Monday 2/13

#### John 13:14, 34-35

**14** If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

**34** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

**35** By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

#### 2 Cor 13:14

**14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## 1 John 1:1-3

1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we beheld and our hands handled, concerning the Word of life

2 (And the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and report to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us);

**3** That which we have seen and heard we report also to you that you also may have fellowship with us, and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

## 1 John 4:8, 16

**8** He who does not love has not known God, because God is love.

**16** And we know and have believed the love which God has in us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God abides in him.

**Further Reading:** HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 6, Day 1

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 11, Section: Becoming a Useful Vessel in the Lord's Hand (1); Pursuing the Growth in Life...

## Tuesday 2/14

## John 3:16

**16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that every one who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.

#### 1 John 4:9-10

**9** In this the love of God was manifested among us, that God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might have life and live through Him.

10 Herein is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins.

#### Titus 3:4-5

**4** But when the kindness and the love to man of our Savior God appeared,

**5** Not out of works in righteousness which we did but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit,

#### Gal. 2:20

**20** I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

#### Heb. 4:16

**16** Let us therefore come forward with boldness to the throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace for timely help.

## Eph. 2:4-5

**4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

**5** Even when we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved

**Further Reading:** HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 6, Day 2

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 11, Section: Being Equipped in the Truth

## Wednesday 2/15

#### Rom. 5:5

**5** And hope does not put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

### 1 John 2:7-8

7 Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you but an old commandment, which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you heard.

**8** Yet again a new commandment I am writing to you, which is true in Him and in you because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

## 1 John 3:11, 23

11 For this is the message which you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,

23 And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, even as He gave a commandment to us.

#### Rom. 8:37-39

**37** But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us.

**38** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life nor angels nor principalities nor things present nor things to come nor powers

**39** Nor height nor depth nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Jer. 31:3

**3** Jehovah appeared to me from afar, saying, Indeed I have loved you with an eternal love, Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness.

**Further Reading:** HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 6, Day 3

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 11, Section: The Defects and Influences of Christianity; The Mistake of the Catholic Church

## Thursday 2/16

## 1 John 4:11-15, 17-21

**11** Beloved, if God has loved us in this way, we also ought to love one another.

12 No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us

13 In this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, that He has given to us of His Spirit.

- **14** And we have beheld and testify that the Father has sent the Son as the Savior of the world.
- **15** Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God.
- 17 In this has love been perfected with us, that we have boldness in the day of the judgment because even as He is, so also are we in this world.
- **18** There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear because fear has punishment, and he who fears has not been perfected in love.
- 19 We love because He first loved us.
- **20** If anyone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen.
- **21** And this commandment we have from Him, that he who loves God love his brother also.

**Further Reading:** HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 6, Day 4

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 11, Section: A Brief History of Fundamentalism; The Error of Reformed Theology

## Friday 2/17

#### 1 John 3:14

**14** We know that we have passed out of death into life because we love the brothers. He who does not love abides in death.

#### Matt. 16:24-25

- **24** Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.
- 25 For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it.

## Eph. 5:1-2

- 1 Be therefore imitators of God, as beloved children;
- **2** And walk in love, even as Christ also loved us and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.

#### 2 John 4-6

**4** I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, even as we received commandment from the Father.

- **5** And now I ask you, lady, not as writing a new commandment to you but that which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another.
- **6** And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, even as you heard from the beginning, that you walk in love.

#### Rev. 3:7-8

- 7 And to the messenger of the church in Philadelphia write: These things says the Holy One, the true One, the One who has the key of David, the One who opens and no one will shut, and shuts and no one opens:
- **8** I know your works; behold, I have put before you an opened door which no one can shut, because you have a little power and have kept My word and have not denied My name.

**Further Reading:** HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 6, Day 5

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 11, Section: Fighting the Good Fight of the Truth

## Saturday 2/18

#### John 15:5, 9-17

- **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.
- **9** As the Father has loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in Mv love.
- **10** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.
- 11 These things I have spoken to you that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be made full.
- **12** This is My commandment, that you love one another even as I have loved you.
- 13 No one has greater love than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.
- 14 You are My friends if you do what I command you.
- 15 No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all the things which I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.
- **16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and I set you that you should go forth and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give you.

17 These things I command you that you may love one another.

**Further Reading:** HWMR Loving the Lord and Loving One Another... – Week 6, Day 6

Corporate Reading: The Economy of God and the Mystery of the Transmission of the Divine Trinity, Chapter 11, Section: First Being Equipped with the Truth

## Lord's Day 2/19

#### 1 John 3:16-21

- 16 In this we know love, that He laid down His life on our behalf, and we ought to lay down our lives on behalf of the brothers.
- 17 But whoever has the livelihood of the world and sees that his brother has need and shuts up his affections from him, how does the love of God abide in him?
- **18** Little children, let us not love in word nor in tongue but in deed and truthfulness.
- **19** And in this we will know that we are of the truth, and we will persuade our heart before Him,
- **20** Because if our heart blames us, it is because God is greater than our heart and knows all things.
- **21** Beloved, if our heart does not blame us, we have boldness toward God;

#### 1 John 5:1-3, 16

- 1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten of God, and everyone who loves Him who has begotten loves him also who has been begotten of Him.
- 2 In this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and do His commandments.
- **3** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.
- 16 If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin not unto death, he shall ask and he will give life to him, to those sinning not unto death. There is a sin unto death; I do not say that he should make request concerning that.

#### Hymns, #867

## **Further Reading:**

Life-study of 1 John, msgs. 15-16 The Conclusion of the New Testament, msg. 163