

Sunday, September 17, 2023
Loving God's Children Like Jesus Did
Helping Our Brethren Grow "in Christ"

Jesus' two most important teachings are:

- 1) Jesus taught us how to grow in our Relationship with God, as a Father.** John 17:3; Mat.6:5-15
- 2) Jesus taught us to love God's Children as much as He did.**

³⁴I am giving you a new commandment, that you love one another; just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35 John 15:12-17

Loving "Just as" Jesus Loved

- 1. Jesus died for them to provide forgiveness for all wrongs committed in life.** Mat. 6:12-15; 26:26-29; John 10:11-17; 15:13
Matthew 18:21-35 "up to 70 times 7"

We forgive each other as much as Jesus forgave us!

- 2. Jesus washed the disciples' feet to display His work in cleansing us from sin as we walk through life.**

John 13:7 "What I do you do not realize now; but you will understand..."

We get involved in each other's lives to help each other become more like Jesus!

"Small Groups" are healthy investments.

- 3. Jesus taught us to confront sin when we are damaged.**

Matthew 18:15-17 If your brother sins... see also **Galatians 6:1-2**

- 1) "One on One" to preserve a person's dignity and reputation...
- 2) Allow time for a person to process ownership...
- 3) Evaluate the degree of damage control necessary...
- 4) Consider involvement of others to correct behavior threatening to the family of God and others.

- 5) Lacking repentance, dissociate to preserve the damage to others and threat to Christian witness.

We judge to help a true brother in Christ grow in Christ!

- 4. Jesus taught "truth" to clearly express God's revealed will.**

- **Jesus Taught that He knew God better than any previous prophet knew God.** Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28, 33-34, 38-40
- **"Jesus Taught His Teachings were the Teachings of God.** John 7:16-17; 14:24
- **Jesus Taught His Teachings Will Last Forever.** Matthew 24:35; Mark 13:31; Luke 21:33
- **Jesus Taught that His Teachings Will Produce Life.** Luke 6:46-48; John 15:1-5

We teach each other what Jesus taught and How He lived to please God.

Living Life Committed to the Directives of the Messiah

- **Focus upon "Christ Alone" in teaching is difficult for some Christian because it depends on how you define Biblical vs. Messianic authority.**
- **Jesus taught that He was the Messiah empowered to establish His followers as a Messianically directed people in the world.** Matthew 16:18-20; 28:16-19
- **Because Jesus is the Messiah, we prioritize knowing Jesus intimately and teaching Jesus to our brethren.**