



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: John 15:12-17 (NAS)

“Greater Love”

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- 12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.
- 13 "Greater love has no one 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 things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.
- 16 "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.
- 17 "This I command you, that you love one another.

I. WHAT GREATER LOVE

- A. Jesus Death
- B. It Was An Unparalleled Death
- C. Death For An Enemy *Romans 5:10*

II. FRIENDSHIP WITH CHRIST

- A. We Can Not Do What Jesus Did
- B. We Are Called To Learn His Love And Selflessness
- C. As Friends Of Jesus We Ought Be Identifiable As His Followers
- D. The Nature Of Jesus' Friendship *Hebrews 13:5; Philippians 5:11-13*
- E. Apostles Call Themselves Bond-Servants As A Badge Of Honor
- F. The King Chooses To Call Us Friends
- G. Evidence Of The Friendship

III. OUR RESPONSE TO HIS FRIENDSHIP

- A. We Are To Have Fruitful Christian Lives
- B. The Manifestation Of That Fruit Is Seen In Love *Matthew 22:37-40; Ephesians 4:28*