

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for April 15-16, 2006

"What the Resurrection Proves"

John 13:17

Christ exhorted His disciples in John 13:14 to serve one another in the same selfless way He had served them.

Disciples who, in obedience to Christ, seek to live their lives serving others without any regard for themselves should consider themselves blessed based on the Word of Christ (John 13:17).

Why would Christ consider those disciples who lived their lives serving others without any regard for themselves "blessed?"

Christ did not consider those disciples who followed Him and His example "blessed" because it would lead them to material wealth (Luke 9:57-58).

Christ did not consider those disciples who followed Him and His example "blessed" because it would benefit them socially (John 15:18-20).

The blessing that Christ pronounced in John 13:17 was not based on the world's values but on His values.

Christ considered those disciples who served others without any regard for themselves "blessed" because it proved they were His disciples and recipients of the gift of life.

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How could Jesus talk about the blessedness of the assurance of being one of His disciples when in a few short hours He would be crucified?

He could speak of the blessedness of the assurance of being His disciple in the shadow of the cross in John 13:17 because of the hope of the resurrection that He spoke about in John 14:19.

May God give us the grace to know that because He lives we shall live also.