

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for May 27-28, 2006

"New Things"

John 13:31-35

The first factor that would be fundamental in shaping the course of their immediate future was a new glory (John 13:31-32).

When Jesus spoke of Himself as now being glorified, He spoke about His death, which would be taking place in a matter of hours.

In all heaven and earth there is no act so worthy of praise than when Christ willingly gave Himself up to death as an offering for sin (Revelation 5:9-12).

Since Christ is in the Father and the Father is in Christ, when Christ was glorified in the cross, His Father was also glorified and is worthy of the same praise as His Son (Revelation 5:13-14).

As God is glorified in Jesus, so also is Jesus glorified in God (John 13:32).

The second factor that would be fundamental in shaping the course of their immediate future was a new situation (John 13:33).

The expression "little children" (TEKNIA) communicates the most affectionate endearment yet it also connotes the immaturity of those that are so dear.

Jesus told His disciples that He would only be with them a little longer because He wanted them to pay close attention to the things He chose to share with them.

When Jesus told His disciples that they would not be able to come to Him, He only meant that they would not be able to come to Him at that present time (John 13:36).

The third factor that would be fundamental in shaping the course of their immediate future was a new commandment (John 13:34-35).

The new commandment that Christ gave His disciples was that they would love one another as He had loved them (John 13:34).

Though the Jews in Leviticus 19:18 had been commanded to love their neighbor as they loved themselves, Christ is commanding His disciples to love one another as He had loved them.

In other words, He called His disciples to a higher standard of love for each other than He had called the Jews to have toward their neighbors.

If we, as followers of Christ, would love one another in the same way as Christ loved us, then the world could not help but notice and conclude that we are in fact disciples of Christ (John 13:35).

May we, by the grace of God, better understand how to apply Christ's standard of love in our relationships with one another.