

The Book of John:
The Disciple Jesus Loved
Study Notes
Chapter 15 PT. 2: Disciples' Relation to Each Other

John 15:12-27

Review: There are five words that Jesus said that some in the Church choose to ignore, “**If you keep My commandments**”.

- Grace gave us a choice, not an alternative, to what the Word of G-d says.
- Jesus states in **Chapter 15, Verse 7**, “If you remain in Me, and My words remain in you, ask...”.
- Never forget, the Mercy of G-d overrides our sin, but He is expecting obedience “if” you love Him.

Note: After Yeshua is done laying out His expectations for His children towards Him; He then shifts to how His children relate to one another.

Verse 12

John 15:12 (NASB) - ¹²“This is My commandment, that you **love** one another, **just as** I have **loved** you.

Love-(Greek-25)-agapáō-to love (in a social or moral sense).

“Just As”-(Greek)-An adverbial conjunction that links two ideas by a principle of correspondence: (**kathōs - 2531**), (**kathaper - 2509**), or (**hōsper - 5618**). These terms generally signify exact correspondence, meaning, "in proportion to," or "in the same manner that".

Question: What does it mean to love in a Social and Moral sense?

Reference: Erich Fromm, Psychoanalyst and Philosopher wrote a book in **1956** called, “**The Art of Loving**”, where he highlights 4 Core Pillars of this type of love.



- **Care:** The active concern for the life and growth of the person we love. It is the proactive nurturing of another's well-being.
- **Responsibility:** Not a duty imposed from outside, but a voluntary act responding to the needs—physical and emotional—of another person.
- **Respect:** The ability to see a person as they are, acknowledging their unique individuality, and wishing for them to grow as they are, not as we need them to be.
- **Knowledge:** Knowing the other person deeply, beyond superficial levels, to understand their core, their emotions, and their hidden motivations.

KEY: You **ONLY** do this to the degree that the **Word of G-d** defines. This love has limitations. We do not **COMPROMISE** the Word of G-d to make people feel good. **LOVE HAS BOUNDARIES!**

Bring The Balance:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (AMP) – ¹⁶ All Scripture is G-d-breathed [given by divine inspiration] and is profitable for instruction, for conviction [of sin], for correction [of error and restoration to obedience], for training in righteousness [learning to live in conformity to G-d's will, both publicly and privately—behaving honorably with personal integrity and moral courage]; ¹⁷ so that the man of G-d may be complete *and* proficient, outfitted *and* thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Corinthians 14:20 (NASB) – ²⁰ Brothers *and sisters*, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature.

Ephesians 4:14-15 (AMP) - ¹⁴ So that we are no longer children [spiritually immature], tossed back and forth [like ships on a stormy sea] and carried about by every wind of [shifting] doctrine, by the cunning *and* trickery of [unscrupulous] men, by the deceitful scheming of people ready to do anything [for personal profit]. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love [in all things—both our speech and our lives expressing His truth], let us grow up in all *things* into Him [following His example] who is the Head—Christ.

Understanding: Just as Paul urged the leaders in **Acts 20:27-29** we must not shrink back from giving the whole counsel of the Word of G-d.

Acts 20:27-29 (AMP) – ²⁷ For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose *and* plan of G-d. ²⁸ Take care *and* be on guard for yourselves and for the whole flock over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as overseers, to shepherd (tend, feed, guide) the church of G-d which He bought with His own blood. ²⁹ I know that after I am gone, [false teachers like] ferocious wolves will come in among you, **not sparing the flock;**

Wolves In the Midst of the Flock:



Warning: “The Wolves are not just in the Pulpit!”

- We now live in a Social Media Society.
- The Church has too many followers and not enough discerners.

Verses 13-15

John 15:13-15 (NASB) - ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that a person will lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are My friend **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, because all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you.

Note: We continue to see that something is required of us! He calls His Disciples friend because He gave them what His Father gave Him: **HIS WORD!**

Verse 16-17

John 15:16-17 (NASB) - 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.

Revelation: You have an appointment to bear fruit!

Appointed/Ordained-(Greek)-*tithēmi*-to place or position for the execution of one's purpose.

Question: When is this appointment?

Answer: When Father (the Vinedresser) starts pruning! He does not let you stay as you are!

Disciples' Relation to the World

Verse 18-20

John 15:18-20 (NASB) - ¹⁸ "If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it hated* you. ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love *you as* its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, because of this the world hates you. ²⁰ Remember the word that I said to you, 'A slave is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you as well; if they followed My word, they will follow yours also.

Disciples Separate From The World



- A Follower of Jesus has one goal: Separate from the World.
- Saints want to be loved by people that Father said would hate us.
- His children have not been “**CHOSEN**” in the world, but we have been “**CHOSEN**” out of this world.

2 Corinthians 6:17 (AMP) – ¹⁷“So COME OUT FROM AMONG UNBELIEVERS AND BE SEPARATE,” says the Lord, “AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will graciously receive you *and* welcome you [with favor],

Sanctification-(Biblical)-the process of being set apart by G-d for His holy purpose and transformed into the image of Christ.

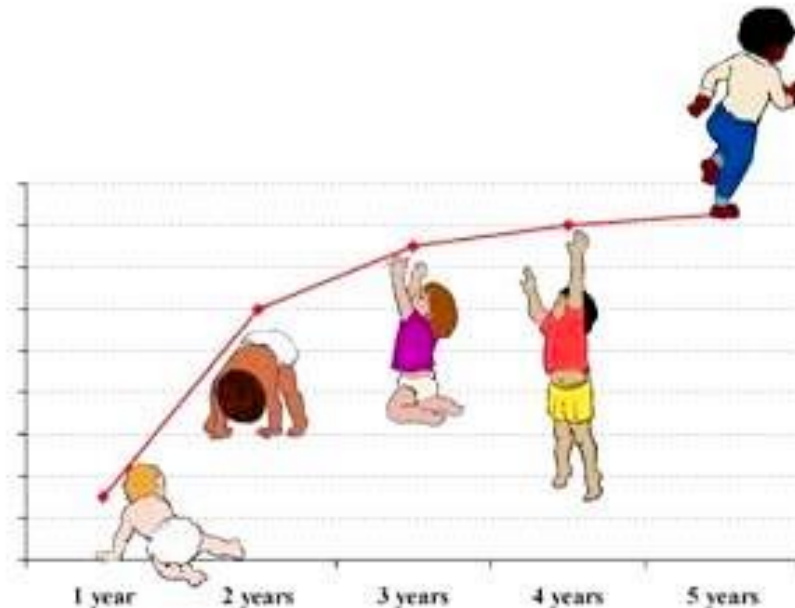
- It involves both a **definitive** separation from sin and
- A lifelong growth in holiness.
- It is **powered by the Holy Spirit**.
- But **achieved through the Finished Work of Jesus**.

Note: Yes, Sanctification is a process, but it has no stop signs in it! Even the World understands this!

Question: Who is WHO?

Answer: WHO - World Health Organization Growth Markers.

Purpose: These are the Child Growth Standards that are internationally, evidence-based tools used to monitor the growth, nutrition, and health of infants and children (0–5 years) worldwide. These standards define how healthy children *should* grow under optimal *environmental conditions*.



Note: Even the world understands when no growth is occurring something is wrong; what is, or what has happened in their environment.

Verse 21-24

John 15:21-24 (NASB) – ²¹ But all these things they will do to you on account of My name, because they do not know **the One who sent Me**. ²² If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin; **but now they have no excuse for their sin**. ²³ The one who hates Me hates My Father also. ²⁴ If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated Me and My Father as well.

Note: It is a sad thing to hear the Word, and then reject the Word. This is the open door to deception.

James 1:22 (NASB) – ²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not just hearers who deceive themselves.



Verse 25-27

John 15:25-27 (NASB) – ²⁵ But *this has happened* so that the word that is written in their Law will be fulfilled: ‘THEY HATED ME FOR NO REASON.’ ²⁶ “**When the Helper comes**, whom I will send to you from the Father, *namely*, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, He will testify about Me, ²⁷ and you are testifying as well, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

Key: Jesus is wanting to encourage His Disciples that we are in good company when we are hated by the world! Listen to King David’s cry to the Lord!

Psalms 35:19 (NASB) – ¹⁹ Do not let those who are wrongfully my enemies rejoice over me; Nor let those who hate me for no reason wink maliciously.

Remember: We Are Never Alone! Holy Spirit will Help Us Finish This Race!

The End