

SUBJECT: A DEEPER LOOK INTO THIS VERSE

TEXT: JOHN 14:15

*"If you love Me, keep My commandments."*

Introduction:

1. I want us to take a very close look at this verse of Scripture.
2. Perhaps there is no other "heart-wrenching" verse for the child of God than this one.
3. It is a commandment in itself - to keep Jesus' commandments.
4. This verse makes us aware of our real relationship with Jesus.

#### I. NOTICE THE WORD "IF."

- A. Do you love Jesus? You either do or you don't. The word "if" means you have a choice.
- B. Many profess to love Him, but their words and works deny it. **Titus 1:16** *They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.*
- C. Jesus knows the true intent of your heart in this matter, and it will not take long for others to know either, as they view your everyday life.
- D. What we deem to be love may, in actuality, be nothing more than friendship.  
**John 21:15-17** *So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep.*

#### II. NOTICE THE WORD "LOVE."

- A. Love is the greatest emotion of man. It is not inherited, but acquired.
- B. We can choose to either love or hate.
- C. True love, that of the highest form, can overwhelm us and conquer all hatreds.  
**1 Peter 4:8** *And above all things have fervent love for one another, for love will conquer a multitude of sins.*
- D. True love can only come about by regeneration through the Spirit of God. **Titus 3:4-6** *But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior.*

#### III. NOTICE THE WORD "ME."

- A. Our professing theme is "Jesus" because He is the One who has set us free from the bondage of sin. **Galatians 4:3-5** *Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.*
- B. This Savior of ours deserves our love. He is the magnificance of God Himself, and all that is right and good.

C. Our service to Jesus is not rendered by lip service, but by body service in a new and exciting way. **Romans 12:1-2** *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

D. We sing about Jesus, we tell others of our faith in Jesus, but is He really the center of our lives?

#### IV. NOTICE THE WORD “KEEP.”

A. Again, we have choice. To keep or not keep.

B. The word “keep” means, “to guard from loss or injury, to prevent from escaping, to hold fast.” **1 John 2:3-5** *Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.*

C. The commandments that He wants us to keep are worthy of our holding on to them, and they are not difficult to keep. **1 John 5:3** *For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments, and His commandments are not burdensome.*

D. It would do us well to guard them with all our being.

#### V. NOTICE THE WORD “COMMANDMENTS.”

A. There are two great commandments that all others hinge upon. **Matthew 22:37-40** *Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lords your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”*

B. When we love God we will have the presence of His Spirit to accomplish what He asks. **John 14:16-17** *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

C. When we love God, we will not fulfill the desires of the flesh. **Galatians 5:24** *And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

D. When we love God, we will not forsake the church assembly. **Hebrews 10:25** *...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

E. When we love God, we will share the good news of salvation to others. **Romans 1:15-16** *So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*

#### Conclusion:

1. Be honest and do some self-evaluation. Do you really love Jesus?