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John 15:12~17



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John 15:12

12 “This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

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- ◆ why does Christ command us to love one another?
- ◆ b/c we have a natural way of choosing friends/who we love
- ◆ Christian love is not just feelings or selfishness
- ◆ we must choose to love one another

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- ◆ as Christ loved us~ like? good feelings?
- ◆ acceptance
- ◆ connection
- ◆ patience
- ◆ instruction
- ◆ commitment
- ◆ high calling
- ◆ hope
- ◆ life
- ◆ self sacrifice

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- ◆ loving those on the fringes AND loving Christians are marks of true
- ◆ Christians
- ◆ love God >> love Church >> love others
- ◆ don't be troubled; there is a loving community where you can love and
- ◆ choose to be loved and to love

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John 15:14~15

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.

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- ◆ our love for others is based on God's love and friendship with us
- ◆ back to the vine and branches....
- ◆ my mind is opened to loving others, though VERY different from me
- ◆ don't be troubled; every difficult relationship is faced with the deep
- ◆ knowledge that my Father loves me and is empowering me to love others

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John 15:16

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.

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- ◆ Christ chose us for fruitfulness
- ◆ all done in the shadow of the cross; a call to self sacrifice
- ◆ am I bitter or receptive of that?
- ◆ Christ chose you for his universal plan!!
- ◆ your fruit will last; what fruit?

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- ◆ converts fruit of the Spirit good works
- ◆ loving others
- ◆ don't be troubled~ I've done all of this so you will go and bear
- ◆ fruit; are you?

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- ◆ the point of prayer is:
- ◆ intimate connection with our Father
- ◆ to accomplish God's missions
- ◆ do my prayers need to change to orient toward God's missions? to be
- ◆ fruitful?

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John 15:17

17 This I command you, that you love one another.

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- ◆ how many times has God told us to love each other in Scripture?
- ◆ 1 Peter 4:8
- ◆ 2 Thess. 3:12
- ◆ Gal. 5:13
- ◆ Rom. 5:5

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- ◆ don't misunderstand this friendship with Christ
- ◆ not our BFF or buddy or pal
- ◆ a friend who has authority
- ◆ his expert commands are for our very best ~
love each other!

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- ◆ how must my prayers change?
- ◆ how am I doing at loving others?
- ◆ don't be troubled~ my design for you is that you'd bear fruit that
- ◆ would remain
- ◆ God has set eternity in the hearts of men

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- ◆ we spend a lot of time trying to reconnect with that
- ◆ we can, in Christ!
- ◆ glorifying God loving other believers and pouring into them in
- ◆ the work of salvation

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Marriage and Family Ministry

BLUEPRINTS:

Roundtable Discussion

CONTINUES May 6!

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Weekend to Remember

May 18-20 @ a Group Rate

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See the bulletin for all the
details...



<<<COMING SOON>>>

PENITAS Mission Trip

6/3 - 6/8

MUST REGISTER by 5/23

\$240

SENIOR RECOGNITION

A faded background image of a graduation cap with a tassel. The cap is black with a red band, and the tassel is made of yellow and blue threads.

Sunday, May 27

Congrats to the
Class of 2012!

Email us to participate...

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