**CHRISTIANS LOVE CHRIST**

**John 14:22-28**

[**22**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-14-22/) **Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?**

[**23**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-14-23/) **Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**

[**24**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-14-24/) **He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.** [**25**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-14-25/) **These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you.** [**26**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-14-26/) **But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.** [**27**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-14-27/) **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.** [**28**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-14-28/) **Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come *again* unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*When you love someone or something, it is amazing to what extent you will go to please them. For instance:**

 **A. A Love for a Spouse will make a Sweetheart do many things.**

 **B. A Love for a Supervisor will make a Servant do many things.**

 **C. A Love for a Store will make a Shopper do many things.**

 **D. A Love for a Savior will make a Saint do many things.**

**\*\*When you become a child of God, you fall in love with some things.**

**1. You have a Love for the Savior**

**John 14:15 If ye love me, keep my commandments.**

 **a. Your Actions concerning His commandments show that you love Him.**

 **b. Your Attitude concerning His commandments show that you love Him.**

**2. You have a Love for the Scripture**

 **a. Because it is the Words of the Lord**

 **b. Because it is the Ways of the Lord**

**3. You have a Love for the Sanctuary**

**Psalms 122:1  I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.**

 **a. In God’s house we Worship!**

 **b. In God’s house we Work!**

**4. You have a Love for the Saints**

**I John 4:20-21 [20](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-4-20/%22%20%5Co%20%221%20John%204%3A20%20KJV%20verse%20detail) If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?** [**21**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/1-John-4-21/) **And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.**

 **a. Because of Jesus in YOU, you love your brother!**

 **b. Because of Joy in YOU, you love your brother!**

**5. You have a Love for the Sinners**

**Jude 1:22-23 [22](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Jude-1-22/%22%20%5Co%20%22Jude%201%3A22%20KJV%20verse%20detail) And of some have compassion, making a difference:** [**23**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Jude-1-23/) **And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.**

 **a. We offer the Sinner our Heart. (V-22)**

 **b. We offer the Sinner our Hand (V-23a)**

 **c. We offer the Sin our Hate (V-23b)**

**Christ Loves Christians, and Christians Love Christ!**

**I. LOVE FOR CHRIST MAKES US FAITHFUL**

[**Luke 16:10**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Luke-16-10/)**He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much:**

**\*\*A Real Christian loves the Lord so much that he is . . .**

 **A. Faithful to the Word**

**Psalms 1:1-2 [1](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-1-1/%22%20%5Co%20%22Psalms%201%3A1%20KJV%20verse%20detail) Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.** [**2**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Psalms-1-2/) **But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.**

 **1. He Dives into the Word and Likes it!**

 **2. He Delights in the Word and Lives it!**

**\*\*Why? Because Christians love Christ!**

 **B. Faithful to the Worship**

**Ephesians 3:21 Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.**

 **1. We faithfully worship God for His Greatness!**

 **2. We faithfully worship God for His Glory!**

**\*\*Why? Because Christians love Christ!**

 **C. Faithful to the Walk**

**I John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**

 **1. Walk in Love**

**Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us,**

 **2. Walk in Light**

**Ephesians 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: walk as children of light:**

 **3. Walk in Learning**

**Ephesians 5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,**

**\*\*Why? Because Christians love Christ**

 **D. Faithful in the Witnessing**

**Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.**

**\*\*What is witnessing?**

 **1. It’s Talking about Jesus to the World**

 **2. It’s Testifying about Jesus to the Worshippers**

**\*\*Why? Because Christians love Christ**

 **E. Faithful in the Warfare**

**II Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.**

 **1. Christians are faithful to endure Hard Things in this warfare!**

 **2. Christians are faithful to endure Hellish Things in this warfare!**

**\*\*Why? Because Christians love Christ**

**\*\*As a Christian I desire to be Faithful because I love Christ!**

**II. LOVE FOR CHRIST MAKES US FELLOWSHIP**

**John 14:23** [**23**](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-14-23/) **Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**

**\*\* Real Christians love the Lord so much that they . . .**

 **A. Fellowship with the Christ**

**The Revelation 3:20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.**

 **1. Christ enjoys our Companionship**

 **2. Christ enjoys our Company**

 **3. Christ enjoys our Communion**

**\*\*Real Christians loves being with Christ!**

 **B. Fellowship with the Church**

**Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.**

 **1. We assemble and fellowship to Exhort one another.**

 **2. We assemble and fellowship to Encourage one another.**

 **3. We assemble and fellowship to Enjoy one another.**

 **4. We assemble and fellowship to Edify one another.**

**\*\*Real Christians loves being with the Church!**

 **C. Fellowship with the Christians**

**I John 3:14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.**

**\*\*We know that we love the brethren when we can Fellowship in the Foyer, Fellowship in the Faith, Fellowship in the Fun, and Fellowship in the Food!**

**\*\*Real Christians love being with Christians!**

**\*\*As a Christian I desire to be Fellowshipping because I love Christ!**

**III. LOVE FOR CHRIST MAKES US FULL**

**I Peter 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:**

**\*\*Real Christians Love Him and are Full . . .**

 **A. Because of the Lord’s Presence**

**John 14:23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, . . . . . we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.**

**Illustration: When your stomach gets filled with lunch, it makes you hurt, makes you huge, and makes you have heartburn. However, when your soul gets filled with the Lord, it makes you holy!**

**\*\* When He sees our love for Him, His presences . . .**

 **1. Fills Our Sanctuary**

 **2. Fills Our Souls**

**\*\*When His Presence fills us, it makes us Holy!**

 **B. Because of the Lord’s Peace**

**John 14:27 [27](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-14-27/%22%20%5Co%20%22John%2014%3A27%20KJV%20verse%20detail) Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.**

 **1. Christ left us a Friend; it’s called Peace!**

 **2. Christ left us a Freedom; it’s called Peace!**

 **3. Christ left us a Felicity (happiness); it’s called Peace!**

 **4. Christ left us a Favor; it’s called Peace!**

 **5. Christ left us a Fortune; it’s called Peace!**

**\*\*When His Peace fills us, it makes us Happy!**

 **C. Because of the Lord’s Promises**

**John 14:28 [28](http://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-14-28/%22%20%5Co%20%22John%2014%3A28%20KJV%20verse%20detail) Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come *again* unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.**

**\*\* His Promises fill me with the hope of knowing . . .**

 **1. There’s going to be a Return in the clouds!**

 **2. There’s going to be a Redeemer in the clouds!**

 **3. There’s going to be a Rapture in the clouds!**

 **4. There’s going to be a Reunion in the clouds!**

**\*\*When His Promises fill us, it makes us Hopeful!**

**\*\*As a Christian I desire to be Full because I love Christ!**

**CLOSE**

**1. Last time I preached, we looked at how Christ Loves Christians. We saw the Manner, the Ministry, the Mysteries, and the Miracles of Christ’s Love!**

**\*\*There’s no doubt that Christ Love Christians!**

**2. Now we have looked at how Christians Love Christ! It shows through our Faithfulness, our Fellowship, and our Fullness.**

**\*\*The question is not if Christ loves Christians; the question is do you who claim to be Christians love Christ?**

**3. If you are a Real Christian, your desire is to be Faithful, Fellowshipping, and Full!**

**\*\*To Love anybody and especially Christ, it is a choice! You choose to love Christ!**

**\*\*Jude 1:21 said it best . . . Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.**

**Do you keep yourself in the love of God?**

**Do you keep yourself Faithful because you choose to love God? How about loving God enough to be faithful in Revival?**

**Do you keep yourself Fellowshipping (with Christ and with the Church) because you choose to love God? How about loving God enough to be fellowshipping in Revival?**

**Do you keep yourself Full because you choose to love God? How about loving God enough to be filled in Revival?**

**The choice is yours! As a Christian, choose today to love Christ!**