

*Paradox* = a situation, person, or thing that combines contradictory features or qualities.

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“Absence makes the heart grow fonder.”

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“Familiarity breeds contempt!”

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<sup>1</sup>Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father,

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having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end... <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands,

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and that He had come from God and was going back to God, <sup>4</sup>rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist.

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<sup>5</sup>Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him. —John 13:1, 3-5 ESV

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<sup>12</sup>When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?"

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<sup>13</sup>You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. <sup>14</sup>If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

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<sup>15</sup>For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master,

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nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them." —John 13:12-17 ESV

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<sup>34</sup> "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

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<sup>35</sup>By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” —John 13:34-35 ESV

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• The Meaning of Love?

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What is love?  
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<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

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<sup>17</sup>For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. —John 3:16-17 ESV

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... but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.  
—Romans 5:8 ESV

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<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God,

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because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him.

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<sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. —I John 4:7-10 ESV

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## • The Model of Love?

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Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God... —John 13:3 ESV

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<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

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<sup>7</sup>but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form,

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He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.  
—Philippians 2:5-8 ESV

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We love because He first loved us.  
—1 John 4:19 ESV

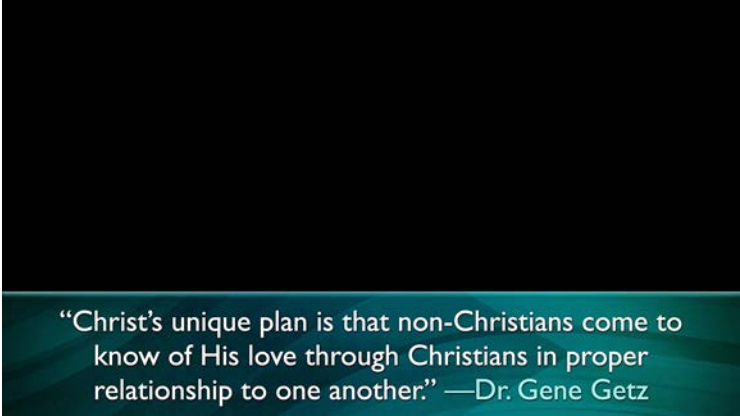
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• The Mark of Love?

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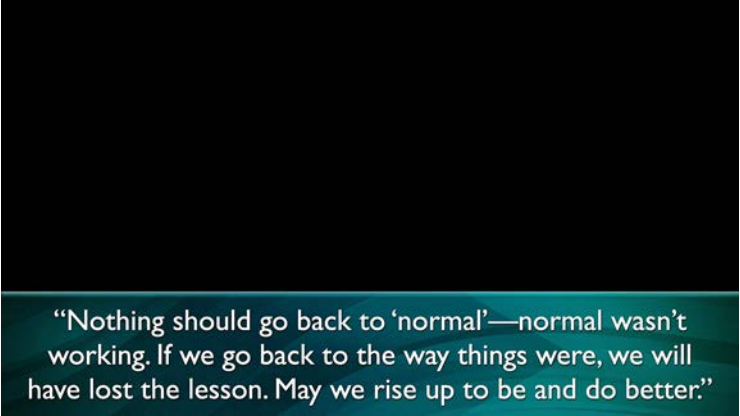
By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. —John 13:35 ESV

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“Christ’s unique plan is that non-Christians come to know of His love through Christians in proper relationship to one another.” —Dr. Gene Getz

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“Nothing should go back to ‘normal’—normal wasn’t working. If we go back to the way things were, we will have lost the lesson. May we rise up to be and do better.”

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