

# “The Power To Define Is The Power To Fulfill”

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John 13:34-35

**John 13:34-35 Amplified** <sup>34</sup> I am giving you a new commandment, that you <sup>[a]</sup>love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too are to love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love and unselfish concern for one another.”

## Point 1.) Our Relationship with Jesus is both intellectual and experiential.

- John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him would not perish but have everlasting life.”
- Romans 5:8 Amplified: “But God shows and clearly proves His [own] love for us by the fact that while we were still sinners Christ the Messiah, the Anointed One, died for us.”
- Colossians 1:13-14 <sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the power of darkness and <sup>[a]</sup>conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption <sup>[b]</sup>through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

## We Are To Forgive Others As We Have Been Forgiven:

- Ephesians 4:30-32 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, <sup>[c]</sup>clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. <sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.
- Colossians 3:12- 15 <sup>12</sup> Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must do*. <sup>14</sup> But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.
- Matthew 18:21-35 Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. <sup>23</sup> Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. <sup>26</sup> The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ <sup>27</sup> Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.<sup>28</sup> “But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took *him* by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down <sup>[e]</sup>at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you <sup>[f]</sup>all.’ <sup>30</sup> And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> So when

his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. <sup>32</sup> Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' <sup>34</sup> And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. <sup>35</sup> "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother <sup>36</sup>his trespasses." (I won't read this entire passage but focus rather on verse 29.)

### What must I do?

- Matthew 18:15-17 "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup> But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' <sup>17</sup> And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector. (Go to the person!)
- Acts 7: 58-59 and they cast *him* out of the city and stoned *him*. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on *God* and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep. ( Keep my eyes on the Lord!)
- Matthew 5:44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. (Pray for those who have hurt you or brought some type of unmet expectations in your life.)

"Love others as you have been loved..." It all began with forgiveness!