

The Ultimate Sacrifice

John 15:9-17

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 17 This is my command: Love each other.

I. The **Observation** of One Making the Ultimate Sacrifice. (v.9)

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

1. Jesus **demonstrated** the love necessary to make the ultimate sacrifice. (Rom 5:8)

But God **demonstrates** his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, **Christ died for us.**

2. Jesus **defined** the love necessary to make the ultimate sacrifice. (John 15:13)

Greater **love** has no one than this, that he **lay down his life** for his friends.

3. Jesus **declared** His love in making the ultimate sacrifice. (John 15:9)

"As the Father has loved me, **so have I loved you.** Now remain in my love.

II. The **Obedience** of One Making the Ultimate Sacrifice. (v.10)

If you **obey** my commands, you will **remain in my love**, just as I have **obeyed** my Father's commands and **remain in his love.**

1. The **Commandment** Christians are called to obey. (v.17)

This is my command: **Love each other.**

2. The **commitment** Christians are called to meet. (v.12)

My command is this: Love each other **as I have loved you.**

3. The **Contentment** Christians are able to experience. (v.11)

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

III. The **Outcome** of One Making the Ultimate Sacrifice. (v.16)

You did not choose me, but I chose you and ***appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last.***

1. We are **identifying** as friends of Christ. (John 15:14)

You are my friends if you do what I command.

2. We are **making** friends for Christ. (John 15:16b)

“I chose you and appointed you ***to go and bear fruit*** —

3. We are **leading** friends to impact future generations for Christ.

“I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — ***fruit that will last.***”

