

Love's Power

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: John 14:20-31.

B. Subject: what motivates Christian obedience.

C. The great secret of Christianity is that the believer was made to share one life with Jesus—
“You in me, and I in you.”

II. The proof of love.

A. The one who obeys Jesus and keeps His commandments loves Him.

B. Obedience does not create love for Christ.

C. Love is a cause for obedience.

D. The basic secret of your identity creates love—the spirit in us awakened by Jesus creates love.

1. We love because He first loves us. (I John, Romans 5)

2. We are given power to do what we otherwise would not be able to do.

3. We do not act out of the fear of consequences but for the love of Jesus.

E. Elements of that proof.

1. Having the commandments. This means to be exposed to His words and know what Jesus says in the Bible.

2. Keeping the commandments.

III. The reward of loving Jesus.

A. Believers will be loved by the Father. The Father loves by provision and training.

B. Jesus will love him. The love of Jesus has more to do with our feelings—a sense of acceptance.

C. Jesus will manifest Himself to the believer becoming very real to him.

IV. How Jesus will manifest Himself.

A. Jesus and the Father will make their home with the believer.

B. Through the Apostles themselves and through the Holy Spirit directly to the believer.

C. Through the peace Jesus gives.

1. Peace is our inheritance.
2. Jesus imparts a different peace than the world does—one in the midst of difficulty.
3. Let not your heart be troubled—return to the place of rest.

V. Jesus foretells of His departure.

- A. He leaves so that the Spirit can be sent, and so that the believers can be closer to Him through the Spirit.
- B. He leaves in order to be obedient to the Father in the cross.

Application questions:

1. Who is an outstanding example of love for you in your life? Why does their love stand out?

2. How have you seen the proofs of love manifest in your own life? What does this tell you about your relationship with God?

3. Choose a verse from the message's text and memorize the verse. Write the text below and reflect upon why it is important to you.
