

# THE LOVE OF GOD

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"It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the hour had come for Him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end." John 13:1

## 1. Jesus' Sense of Occasion

An expression which conveys the idea that something special or important is happening.

## 2. Jesus' Special Love for His Own

To what end does He love His own?

"He now showed them the full extent of His love."  
(NIV 1984)

## 3. Jesus' Authority Over All Things

"I am telling you now before it happens, so that when it does you will believe that I AM." (John 13:19)

## 4. Jesus' Dramatic Portrayal of His Present and Future Glory

Compare John 13:4,5 & 12 with Philippians 2:6-11

## 5. Jesus' Gentle, yet Firm Rebuke of Peter

Bath = the removal of sin and sin's penalty

Washing Feet = our ongoing need for cleansing from the Word of God as we live in this world.

## 6. Jesus' Example for His Disciples

"I've given you an example, that you should do as I have done."

"You will be blessed if you do them."

"A new command I give you: Love one another."

1 Peter 5:2,3: "Shepherd God's flock that is under your care...eager to serve...being examples to the flock."

## FINAL THOUGHT AND QUESTION:

God loves you to the end, that is to every conceivable end. How will this truth transform and shape your attitudes, thoughts and actions: today; this week; the rest of your earthly life?