

UNTIL I RETURN

Based On the Book by Jeff Walling

Lesson 5 - Words of Warning; Get Along

Intro: As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:9,12.

How does it make you feel when you see members of the church treating each other with a lack of brotherly love, respect, and honor?

How much damage has sin and discord done the church over the years?

How many church splits have you been a part of or have seen or heard about in your lifetime? Have they all been over legitimate, spiritual reasons? Have you ever wondered if they could have been avoided? In your opinion, what would have had to be done to avoid it?

Why do you think that Jesus left these words, *This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you* with His disciples before He left them?

A short time after Jesus gave this command, He was in the garden praying, *I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.* Jo.17:20-21. Where do these passages fit in with all we have discussed so far?

If we can't learn to get along with each other, how is the world supposed to believe we have been touched by the Messiah? When the unbelieving masses look at the splintered and divided church, they laugh out loud. And why shouldn't they? If this is the best peace that the Prince of Peace can produce, he may as well turn in his crown. When we fight and bicker we become living proof that Jesus doesn't have the power to change lives! Jeff Walling

1. Jesus' Love Comes From Another World

- *As the Father has loved me...* God love, divine love, supernatural love
Psa.16:10- What does this verse tell us about God's love?

2. Jesus Loves With a Savior's Love

- John 13:1- *full extent of his love/he loved them to the end* - Did Jesus know Judas' fate?
Did Jesus still love Judas?
- Jesus' love was not conditional on how people T_____ him.
- Jesus' love was not conditional on the person's B_____.
- Jesus' love was not conditional one's W_____, one's R_____, one's H_____, or one's S_____. The Savior's love says, "I'll die for you while you still W_____ in your sins. I'll give my life for you while you give your time to the D_____ of the flesh. I'll go to the cross for you knowing that you wouldn't go across the S_____ for me. I'll do that because I love you. *Walling*

3. Jesus Wants Us to Share His Love

- Without Jesus' love, the world is _____!
- What do the following passages say about sharing Jesus' love with others?

Phil.2:3-4

Matt.5:44

Ro.12:9-10

1 Peter 4:8

Next: *Do As Your Told*