

Living in Covenant relationships

IN THE SAME WAY *HE TOOK THE CUP ALSO AFTER SUPPER, SAYING, "THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD; DO THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME."*

(1CO 11:25)

An outpouring of love

▶ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

▶ (Rom 5:1-5)

We become one

- ▶ "I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep them in Your name, *the name* which You have given Me, that they may be one even as *We are*.
- ▶ (John 17:11)
- ▶ that they may all be one; even 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 sent Me. "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as *We are one*;
- ▶ (John 17:21-22)

Loving one another

- ▶ John13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.
- ▶ John13:35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
- ▶ Rom12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honour;
- ▶ Rom13:8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbour has fulfilled *the* law

Love takes us places we would not normally go!

- ▶ Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself. Saul took him that day and did not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armour, including his sword and his bow and his belt.
- ▶ (1Sa 18:1-4)
- ▶ 1Jn_4:12 No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.