A Love that Makes Everything Alright
John 14:21; 15:8-10
Sermon Outline
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A. His Love Units Us (v. 21):

1. Believers who continuously cling to God’s Word because they view it as authoritative.

2. These are believers who continuously maintain a deep commitment to trust God’s Word throughout difficult circumstances having watchful attitude with no intention of letting go of His Word (Daniel 1:8). The ‘Hall of Faith’ in Hebrews 11.

3. The believer who refuses to let go of God’s Word demonstrates a deep affection and willingness to sacrifice themselves to the direction of the Holy Spirit. This process drives faithful obedience to God (14:15; 15:10).

4. The believer who consistently obeys God truly loves God. They deny themselves and they set themselves apart from anything that distracts them from obeying God. They discipline their lives to do what God’s Word instructs them to do.

5. The One who is the instrument of our spiritual birth will do everything He says including keeping whatever He promised to do for them (15:7-9; Deuteronomy 8:1-10).
   a) Christ will reveal Himself in ways that is not generally known.
   b) Christ will expose how extraordinary He is to a believer that loves Him.

B. His Love Shapes Us (John 15:8):

1. The One who is the instrument of our spiritual birth will do everything He said He would do for us (15:7-9; Deuteronomy 8:1-10).

2. Continually working out the good work (Ephesians 2:10), done by the Holy Spirit within us (John 14:16). This consistently provides evidence that something real is taking place inside of us.

3. What is taking place in us is once and for all comes from nothing.

4. Being committed to obeying God because we have taken His Word to heart exposes that we are true followers of Jesus Christ.

C. His Love Causes Everyone to be Their Best (John 15:8-10):

1. When believers function as true disciples of Christ the nature of Christ is brought to light (Ephesians 3:16-19; Philippians 2:21).

2. God the Father and God the Son once and for all fulfill what they say through their promises to us (John 15:13; 1 John 3:16).


4. This love is a deliberate choice to exercise God’s divine will steadfastly.

5. It is not just about obeying His commandments is it also maintaining a continual watchful attitude with no intention of letting go of God’s principles. Keeping is to learn what is being said with a commitment to come to a full understanding with no desire of ever letting go of what God has taught us through His Spirit (John 16:13).

6. To a disciple what God is saying is an authoritative order.

7. From Savior to Lordship leads to true discipleship.

8. Remaining steadfast in His Word must be stimulated by our relentless commitment to trust God to do what His Word says He will do (examples Hebrews 11). This includes answered prayers (John 15:7).

9. Our example:
   a) Christ steadfastly, no matter what trouble came His way, did whatever authoritative orders the Father provided to Him. It did not matter how much He had to suffer to complete it.
b) Jesus obviously always obeyed God consistently and even though this took Him through many storms including Calvary, God always kept His Word rescuing Christ even from the grave (John 14:9-14).

10. This loving relationship is the same between Christ and God.