**Truths that last – John 13:16**

**Jesus final cry to the unbelieving – 12: 44 – 50**

1. He who believes in Me believes in Him who sent me -44
2. He who sees me sees the one who sent me – 45
3. I have come as Light in the world so that all who believe in me will not live in darkness – 46
4. Whoever does not hear my sayings & does not keep them I do not judge him, for I came to save the world – 47
5. He who rejects me & does not receive my sayings, has one who judges him, the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day – 48
6. I did not speak on my own initiative but the Father himself who sent me has given me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak – 49
7. I know that his commandment is eternal life therefore the things I speak, I speak as the Father has told me - 50

**Focal Truth: Christ followers serve others like Jesus served them**

***Jesus first act of revealing His glory to the disciples was washing their feet as their servant!***

**Observations**

1. **Christ followers serve others like Jesus served them – 13:12 -15**
2. Christ served His followers

**In Love** - Jesus knew his hour of suffering had come - he loved his followers to the end of his physical ministry 13:1

**In Grace** - Jesus knew his hour of suffering had come – he had all authority from the Father & He had come from God & was going back to God – he washed his disciple’s feet 13:3

1. **In Example** - If the Lord and Teacher washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet - For I have given you an example, that you should do as I did to you 13:14 -15

Phil. 2:7 – he emptied himself, taking the form of a bondservant and being made in the likeness of men

1. **Christ followers serve Jesus Christ as His slaves – 13:16**
2. Christ’s followers are his servants

Truly, truly, a slave is not greater than his master 13:16

1. The slave of Christ voluntarily submits to the will of Jesus Christ as Lord
2. The slave of Christ willingly obeys to His commands in everything
3. The slave of Christ forsakes their past for life service to Jesus Christ

*Some Christians love to be called children and friends of Jesus but not servants of Jesus!*

1. **Christ followers are sent to serve others – 13:16**
2. Christ’s followers are sent to share the gospel – Matt. 28 – go make disciples
3. Christ’s followers are sent to serve one another – wash each other’s feet
4. Christ’ followers are blessed when they obey their orders to go in Jesus name
5. Christ followers are sent in the authority of Jesus Christ – one sent is not great than the one who sends him
6. Christ followers are blessed in obeying their commission to go in the name of Jesus

John 20:21 – Peace be to you just as the Father has sent me, I also send you

1 Thess. 3:2 – we sent Timothy out brother and God’s fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you for the benefit of your faith

*Many love to be served but refuse to serve others!*

1. **Whoever accepts the service of a Christ follower receives service from Jesus & the**

**Father – 13: 16 -20**

1. Receiving the ministry of a follower of Christ is receiving ministry from Jesus Christ & the Father – Truly, Truly he who receives whomever I send receives me…13:20

Phil. 4:18 – but I have received everything in full and have an abundance, I am amply supplied having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent a fragrant aroma an acceptable sacrifice well pleasing to God

Gal.4:14 – you did not despise that which as a trial to you in my bodily condition, nor express contempt, but you received me as an angel of God as Christ Jesus Himself

Acts 10:33 – Cornelius says to Peter, now we are all present before God to hear everything that you have been commanded by the Lord

**Things to Remember**

1. We are most like Christ when we serve like Christ
2. Following Christ is voluntary life service to Jesus Christ the Lord
3. Serving others is our first duty as disciples of Christ
4. Those are most blessed who serve most

**Daily Use**

1. Serve others as Christ has served you
2. Serve those to whom the Lord sends you
3. Accept ministry from those that Christ sends to you
4. Submit as a life - long servant to Jesus Christ

**Truly, Truly I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master, nor is the one who is sent greater than the one who sent him**

The old hymn says: So send I you—to labor unrewarded,
To serve unpaid, unloved, unsought, unknown,
To bear rebuke, to suffer scorn and scoffing—
So send I you to toil for Me alone. So send I you—to bind the bruised and broken,
O’er wand’ring souls to work, to weep, to wake,
To bear the burdens of a world aweary—
So send I you, to suffer for My sake. So send I you—to loneliness and longing,
With heart a hung’ring for the loved and known,
Forsaking home and kindred, friend and dear one—
So send I you, to know My love alone. So send I you —to leave your life’s ambition,
To die to dear desire, self-will resign,
To labor long, and love where men revile you—
So send I you, to lose your life in Mine. So send I you—to hearts made hard by hatred,
To eyes made blind because they will not see,
To spend, tho it be blood, to spend and spare not—
So send I you to taste of Calvary.
"As the Father hath sent Me, So send I you."