

OUR LOVE CHALLENGED

JOHN 14:15

I. THUS FAR, THE LORD HAS BEEN HIGHLIGHTING THINGS THAT HE CONSIDERS TO BE IMPORTANT

- A. That He Be Absent From Earth
- B. That He Has An Entirely Different View Than Man Of The Things Which We Ought To Be Occupied With In His Absence
 - 1. Heaven
 - 2. Faith
 - 3. Works
 - 4. Prayer
 - 5. His Return

II. THE LORD DESIRES A KIND OF LOVE THAT TRANSCENDS THE KIND OF AFFECTION THAT SIMPLY "MISSES" SOMEONE (14:15)

- A. This Is The First Time In This Gospel That The Subject Of Our Love For Christ Has Been Introduced
- B. Very Rarely Does The Lord Speak Of The Kind Of Affectionate Love That Exists Between Good Friends
- C. The Lord Desires "Agape"
 - 1. This Love Is At Once, Intelligent And Voluntary
 - 2. Mere Affection Is Usually Involuntary
 - 3. The Lord Illustrated The Function Of Agape By Employing The Phrase *But I Say Unto You*
 - 4. We Cannot Have Affection For An Enemy
 - 5. The Lord Is Talking About Something Indomitable
- D. If We Claim To Have This Kind Of Love For Christ Then He Only Has One Evidence Of That: *Keep My Commandments*