

## **Love – The Basis for Christian Morality**

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**Text** – John 13:1-17

### **Christian Love Challenges Long-held Practices**

- Christian love elicits \_\_\_\_\_.
- Christian love \_\_\_\_\_ societal norms (Gal 3:28).

### **Love is the Basis for Our Moral Vision**

- Christian moral vision is rooted in our experience of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Christian moral vision is not centered in \_\_\_\_\_ (Gal 5:19-23).
- Christians determine what is \_\_\_\_\_ by asking two questions (John 13:34-35).

### **Foot-washing is a Template for Moral Discernment**

## **Life Enrichment**

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What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What is your favorite brand logo? What is its origin? Does it have a special meaning?
- How would participating in a foot-washing service make you feel? Why?
- Why do you think John chose foot-washing as the brand logo of Christian love?
- How is this foot-washing notion of love different from the world's ideas of love?
- What are some American ideas and practices that foot-washing love might challenge?
- How does love help us determine what is right and wrong? Can you think of a moral question that cannot be answered by the questions: Is it loving? And, does it display God's love to the world?
- Why is love a better pattern for morality than a list of regulations?
- By washing Judas's feet, what does Jesus teach us about Christian love? How can you demonstrate Christian love to the unlovable and undeserving this week?