

Blueprints

Focusing on IN: The Physics of Love

John 13:34,35 & Acts 2:42-47

Love ONE ANOTHER

Addressed to the disciples and the small community of those following Jesus

Note the new command was not love “everyone,” “needy,” “enemies,” “strangers”

Jesus’ general teaching: neighbor (**Luke 10:25ff**), enemy (**Matt 5:44**), stranger (**Matt 25:38**)

Are we not in danger of promoting a massive exclusive clique?

Notice the immediate inclusion of all people in **John 13:35**

See a similar tension in Jesus’ great prayer: **John 17:9 and 23**

A Familiar Pattern

The concentric circles of Jesus’ ministry: 3, 12, 72, 120

Think about the theology of Trinity and creation:

- Why did God create?
- Lonely? Needed praise? Needed servants?
- The Self-Sufficiency of God (**Acts 17:24-25**)
- So much love within the Trinity
- Creation as overflow of love

Think about Adam and Eve: from one love shall come the whole

Think of the forming of a person in the womb: from 2 cells to 2 trillion

Think about the Abrahamic Covenant: **Genesis 12:1-3**

Think of the parable of the Mustard Seed: **Matthew 13:31-32**

The early church in action: see **Acts 2:44-47; 5:13-14**

The Physics of Love

Love starts at the center and expands outward

The leaking toilet

Mentos and Soda pop

The principle of integrity: if I skip over a step I build a hollow shell

The fish and loaves principle: love is released in the breaking

The centrifugal principle: love expands outward with irresistible momentum

Love creates capacity and courage in others: **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**

Love generates joy in me: **John 15:11**

Jesus’ last directive: Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, end of the earth: **Acts 1:8**

Highland and the post-ascension upper room: 120 folks can change the world!

