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Alone With His Own
John 13:1

INTRO: What a beautiful and precious statement is made here in John 13:1, "...having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end."

With John 13 we go from the public ministry of Jesus to His private ministry. At the end of our Lord's public ministry the Bible says that He "...departed and did hide himself from them." He hid Himself from the world, He separated Himself for the purpose of being alone with His own. Alone with those who gladly received Him (John 1:12).

In chapter 13-17 we see Jesus alone with His own, Alone and in intimate fellowship with them.

1. His Near Departure

A. Jesus is about to leave His disciples, He is going home to heaven, going home to be with His father.

B. "Now before the feast of the passover..."

1. This is just before the Lord Jesus would die as the true Lamb of God, fulfilling all the types and figures of the Old Testament concerning Himself.

2. Jesus had come into the world to minister to others. He healed the sick, He raised the dead, He fed the multitude.

a. He ministered to others but now at the close of His earthly ministry His eye is upon His own in particular, He will minister to them and He will die for their sins (Matt. 20:28).

b. When John the Baptist saw Jesus walking out of the pages of the Old Testament he cried, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin's of the world." (John 1:29).

C. "When Jesus knew that His hour was come..."

1. This hour was set before the foundation of the world for Jesus is "The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8).

2. Jesus knew the hour in His boyhood. When He read the scriptures, He saw the hour of the cross on page after page.

3. In the carpenter shop, at His baptism, during His earthly ministry, He knew the hour now it had arrived.

4. Think of it nothing ever caught Him by surprise.

D. "That He should depart from this world."

1. "This world", was not His home and this world is not my home.
2. He would depart, first Calvary then Olivet.

E. "Unto the Father."

1. Not unto heaven but unto the Father, His Father.
2. He made this world (1:10) but sin had stained it.

II. His Love For His Own

A. His Own!

1. Who are His own?
 - a. The saved-John 1:12
 - b. The ones given Him by the Father (John 6:32).
 - c. The few who love Him because He first loved them (1John 4:19).
 - d. The Called to be His own-Romans 1:7 and 1Corinthians 1:2 tell us that believers are "called to be saints."
 - e. The chosen, the Father's love gift to the Son (Eph. 1:4, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...")

B. Think of it! We are His own, we are bought with a price, the precious blood of Jesus, 1 Cor. 6:19-20, "ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price..."

1. His own! "Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so..."
2. His own! These are the ones that He loves in a special way, the ones that He seeks to have fellowship with.
 - a. He seeks no other company than ours among the sons of men.
 - b. Yes, He goes out seeking the lost sheep, but it is that He might bring them into the fold to have fellowship with them.
3. His own! The jewels that He will one day gather (Malachi 3:12).
 - a. We are the jewels that He loves and will one day gather.
 - b. Because we are His jewels:
 - 1.) He loves us in the storms of life. Sometimes He makes the storm a calm, at other times He gives us strength to go through the storm.
 - 2.) He is with us in sickness as He was with Peter's wife's mother.
 - 3.) He is with us when one of our dear ones pass from this life as He was with Mary, Martha and Lazarus.
 - 4.) In troubles and trials He loves us.
4. His own! "Having loved his own..."
 - a. He has loved us and He will love us. Jeremiah 31:3 says, "I have loved thee with an everlasting love. Therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee."
 - b. His love has not and will not falter or fail. Even when He must rebuke us He loves us. He rebuked Peter, yet He loved him!

III. His Own In The World

A. He loves us who are in the world as well as those who have gone on to be with Him.

B. He loves those in the world in a distinct way because of the heartache pain and sorrow we face.

1. His love for believers in the world is distinct (John 17,9,11-12).
2. Remember, we are in the world, this world, but we are not of the world. Jesus prayed for us who believe, for His own!

IV. His Love To The End

A. Christ had previously loved His own and now we are told His love will not end, it will not let go.

1. He had always loved them and now with the agonies of Calvary forcing Him, when some would believe that He would consider only Himself, He loves them!

2. He loved us as He faced the agonies of Gethsemane and Calvary and He has not forgotten us now that He has passed within the veil into Heaven.

B. "Unto the end"

1. He loves us throughout our pilgrimage here in this world.

a. "We need the assurance of His love as we pass through this wilderness" (Pink 296).

b. We need a place to rest, a place of love, a breast to lean on (John 13:23).

c. Child of God you have a resting place.

2. He loves us unto the end, to the furthest extent of our need. He even loves us when we fail.

a. Peter denied Him-yet, He loved him unto the end.

b. Thomas doubted Him yet, He loved him unto the end.

c. All forsook Him-"Having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end."

3. He loves us "unto the end."

a. Unto the end of our failures, wanderings and unworthiness.

b. He loves us unto the end of our greatest need.

c. Because He loves us so surely we ought to love Him and diligently serve Him.

1. Think of the emptiness and misery of those who do not have such a loving Saviour.

2. If the Saviour dealt with us as we do with Him we would be in great trouble we get down, out, discouraged, cold, indifferent, uncaring, unloving. It ought not be so.

3. Serve the Lord with thanksgiving and gladness.

CONCLUSION: I am glad that Jesus loves His own and I am glad that He loves sinners for that is how He found me-lost and in sin.