

SCRIPTURE: Ten Commandments (Ex. 20) & John 15

SINGING: 259:1, 2, 4 – 382:1-2 – 394 – 212:1, 3 – 428:5, 6 – 378:1, 2 – 372

Intro: The Inner Sanctuary & Treasury of John 14-16

A. The pearls in this treasury for all those who follow Jesus in faith & repentance

B. Each of these pearls are meant to bring us the comfort of peace & joy

1. Yet 15:10 teaches that holiness is key to the **experience** of joy

2. But in 15:9 Jesus takes us back to **foundation** of our joy

JESUS' CALL TO CONTINUE IN HIS LOVE

I. What is His love? II. What is to continue in His love?

I. What is His love?

A. His love for His disciples is like the Father's loved Jesus His Son

1. Who can know mind of God: Romans 11:33-34

2. Yet Jesus obviously wants us to ponder His Father's love to Him

a. The Father's love is a *love of infinite depth and width* (Eph. 3:18-19)

b. The Father's love is a *love of delighting* (Matt. 3:17; Prov. 8:30)

c. The Father's love is a *love of attention* (John 11:42; 1 Peter 3:12)

d. The Father's love is *love of the ultimate sacrifice* (John 3:16)

B. Jesus declares that He loves His disciples as the Father loved Him!

1. this love pre-dates time (Prov. 8:31; Jer. 31:3)

C. Our joy will only be full when we *believe Him upon His own Word*

II. What is it to continue in His love?

A. To continue is *to abide in His love for us*

1. such abiding is not attained by focusing on *our love* to Him and His Father

2. also not by reading His love through His providences in our life

3. it is only attained when we *strengthened with might in the inner man by the Holy Spirit and be rooted and grounded in His love for us* (Eph. 3:16-17)

B. Therefore He calls us: *Do this in remembrance of Me – of My love to you!*