

## **Friends that Obey and Love** **John 15:9-17**

### **Command: Abide in Jesus' love, 9-11**

- ❖ 4x love in 9-10. Jesus' love for the disciples / us = the type of love He experiences from the Father. For us to enter fully into this love experience with Jesus, we must obey His commandments just as Jesus obeyed the Father. Look ahead to climactic words in 17:26. *Abide* = to remain / stay connected in fellowshiping obedience.
- ❖ Experiencing divine love will create joy (*My joy* as with *My love*).

### **Command: Love one another, 12-15,17**

- ❖ Love-command recalls 13:34,35. See also I Jn. 3:16-23, 4:7-21.
- ❖ How is this love to be expressed?
- ❖ Friendship with Jesus is conditioned again on *keeping His commandments*, thus both fruit and friendship result from obedience.
- ❖ Friendship vs. servanthood—a huge terminology switch. Why? How is this divine-to-human friendship unique?

### **Commission: Go and bear fruit that remains, 16**

- ❖ Chosen: 15:19, Rom. 8:33, Eph. 1:4ff., Col. 3:12, I Pt. 2:4
- ❖ Commissioned: to go and bear fruit, Mtt. 28:19,20, Phil 1:22ff.
- ❖ Again a prayer promise is attached in 15:16 as in 15:7, which we will look at in detail in 16:23ff.

