

# THE IMITATION OF CHRIST

## Costly Love – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Series

John 13: 34, 35

*Sermon outline for 7:45am and 10:15am service*

**Introduction:** “Return of the Prodigal Son” – Rembrandt

- Jesus’ New Command:  
“Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this will all men know that you are my disciples.”

### **4. The New Command - Jesus’ love for us**

- The context – the imminence of the Cross
- The greatest expression of love: the Cross (John 13: 1)
- The experience of love: the Cross

### **5. The New Command – love expressed in obedience**

- The relationship between the Father and the Son (John 8: 29; 10: 18; 12: 49 – 50; 14: 31, 15: 10)
- The relationship within the God-head reflected in us (John 17: 22, 23, 26)
- The call to loving obedience and its reward (John 14: 21)

### **6. The New Command – witness to the world**

- The greatest need in the church: Christ-likeness
- The powerful impact in the world: Christ-likeness

**Conclusion:** Dr Paul and Dr Margaret Brand