



# TRINITY GRACE CHURCH

## John 13:12-17 II Saved to Serve II Walt Alexander

**MAIN POINT: All who follow the Savior must deny themselves & selflessly serve others.**

“When we reflect on the history of the Church, are we not bound to confess that she has failed to follow the example of her Founder? All too often she has worn the robes of the ruler, not the apron of the servant. Even in our own day it can hardly be said that the ‘brand-image’ of the Church is of a society united in love for Jesus, and devoted to selfless service of others.” **Michael Green**

### 1. The Savior’s example. (v.13-15)

“For who would suffer his wife, for the sake of visiting the brethren, to go round from street to street to other men’s, and indeed, all the poorer, cottages? Who will, without some suspicion of his own, dismiss her to attend the Lord’s Supper which they defame? Who will suffer her to creep into prison to kiss a martyr’s bonds? To offer water for the saints’ feet? To snatch (somewhat for them) from her food, from her cup? To yearn (after them)? To have (them) in her mind? If a pilgrim brother arrive, what hospitality for him in an alien home?” **Tertullian**

*By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.*  
- **1 John 3:16**

### 2. The Savior’s command. (v. 16)

“If he, their Lord and Master, serves them as a slave, so they should serve each other. What is not beneath his dignity can certainly no longer be considered beneath theirs.” **Richard Bauckham**

“We are not our own; therefore, neither our reason nor our will should dominate our plans and actions. We are not our own; therefore, let us not make the gratification of our flesh our end. We are not our own; therefore, as much as possible, let us forget ourselves and our own interests.” **John Calvin**

*From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.* - **2 Corinthians 5:16-17**

### 3. The Savior’s promise. (v. 17)

“There is a form of religious piety that utters a hearty 'Amen!' to the most stringent demands of discipleship, but which rarely does anything about them.” **D.A. Carson**

*“Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.”* - **Mark 10:29-30**