

# A New Commandment

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## Do you love others the way Jesus commanded?

**Situation:** As Jesus is preparing his disciples for what is to come, knowing the time has come for him to lay down his life, He gives a new commandment, as part of his last instructions to his disciples, to Love one another as he has Loved them.

**Observation:** There are several scriptures throughout the Bible from the Old Testament thru the New Testament where God instructs mankind to love others and to do right by others. So when Jesus said he was giving them a new command, it was not just about loving others. What made this new was how we are asked to Love, "as Jesus Loves us." John 15:13 "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

**Inspiration:** Do you remember the Love you felt when you came to accept Christ as your Lord and Savior? Jesus forgave us of all our sins. And what he wants from you today is for you to extend the same Love that was extended towards you to others. The next time you are mistreated or someone speaks lies about you, or calls you out of your name, or treats you unfairly; are you willing to Love them as Jesus Loved you and say "Father, forgive them?" It is not enough for us to be nice to those who are nice to us, but we are called to do more. Jesus said by Loving others the way he Loved you, people will know you are his disciples. In other words, people will see the Light of Christ shining through you.

**Application:** Take the time to read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 and learn what is Love. Then make an effort to Love others the way Jesus demonstrated his Love. Let's not only talk Love, but let's show others the Love of Christ.



**John 13:34-35** "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.." (KJV)

**Commandment Definition:** a divine rule, an order or charge given by authority. -----  
*"If you Love me, keep my commandments. John 14:15."*

## Exploration:

### *God's Love*

- Jeremiah 31:3 - The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, [saying], Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.
- John 3:16 - For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
- Romans 5:8 - But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- 1 John 4:19 - We love him, because He first loved us.

### *Abide in His Love*

- John 15:10 - If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

### *Love Your Enemies*

- Matthew 5:44 - But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

### *Love One Another*

- Leviticus 19:18 - Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am the LORD.
- 1 John 3:11 - For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.
- 1 John 4:7-8 - Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.
- 1 Peter 4:8 - And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins.
- Romans 13:8 - Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.