

A NEW COMMANDMENT

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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 John 13:34-35.

I want to define the word LOVE: When of persons = to welcome, to entertain, to be fond of, to love dearly. Showing respect, concern, care, with kindness, meekness and compassion.

Now I want to establish who, when and where this event took place. For these things are very important to know in order to receive a complete picture. This was Jesus and the eleven Apostles whom He was addressing. Judas Iscariot had just left the passover meal. John does not record the institution of the Lords Supper but the other Gospels do. (Ref. I Cor.11:24). So these last words of instructions occurred that night on their way to the Garden of Gethsemane.

John 13:30-35. He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.
¶ Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.

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.

Let us notice that all these things He taught them are found in John 13:31 through Chapter 17. Many important things were spoken, but Jesus comes over this subject of LOVE more times than anything else. John 15: 9-12, 17 ¶ As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 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. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Refs-Chap.16:27 & 17:23;26.

There are two scriptural lessons I want to bring to your attention to prove my point. Loving one another is of extreme importance. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples.

Rev.1: 1-5. ¶ Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember

therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent

I Thess. 1: 1-4. ¶ Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. ¶ We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

Which one of these churches would you rather be a member? Should I have to ask? How can this be? By setting an example.

Let me be called to pastor a local church of the Lord Jesus Christ, showing God's Love toward one another and the lost world, and the battle is already half won.

Rom. 12:9 Let love be without dissimulation.(False pretence).Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

Rom.34 – 39. Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God richly Bless you is my Prayer: