

As I Have Loved You

John 13:34-35

Sunday, December 4, 2022

*So now I am giving you a new commandment: **Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other.** 35 Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”*

John 13:34-35 NLT

*12 This is my commandment: **Love each other in the same way I have loved you.** 13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command.*

John 15:12-14 NLT

*And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. 4 If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. 5 But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. 6 **Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.** 7 Dear friends, I am not writing a new commandment for you; rather it is an old one you have had from the very beginning. This old commandment--to love one another--is the same message you heard before. 8 Yet it is also new. **Jesus lived the truth of this commandment, and you also are living it.** For the darkness is disappearing, and the true light is already shining. 9 If anyone claims, "I am living in the light," but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is still living in darkness. 10 Anyone who loves another brother or sister is living in the light and does not cause others to stumble. 11 But anyone who hates another brother or sister is still living and walking in darkness. Such a person does not know the way to go, having been blinded by the darkness.*

1 John 2:3-11 NLT

*And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and **love one another**, just as he commanded us. 24 Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.*

1 John 3:23-24

How does He love us?

3 ways that Jesus loved His disciples

1. He lived among them. He walked with them. He was present.

2. He spoke words of life to them. His words were spirit and they were life.

The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

John 6:63

3. He did for them what they could not do for themselves but required them to do what they could do.

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- **Words of encouragement**
- **Words of Compassion**
- **Words of Truth**
- **Hard words**
- **Kind words -**

3. He did for them what they could not do for themselves but required them to do what they could do.

Are you loving Jesus' church by doing for those
what they cannot do for themselves?

Are you loving your brothers and sisters by requiring they
do what they can - even though sometimes that feels unloving?

Nice - pleasant; agreeable; satisfactory.

Kind - of a sympathetic, helpful, forbearing nature: GENTLE

To love like Jesus loved we will have to learn to:

1. Live among each other. Be present with each other.
2. Speak words of life and truth, encouragement, rebuke, comfort, etc. to each other.
3. Start making distinctions between what we do for others - do for people what they truly cannot do for themselves and quit doing for others what they should be doing for themselves.