

Loving our Brothers like He loves us!

John 13:33 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. 34 A new commandment** I give unto you, **That ye love** one another; **as I have loved you, that ye also love** one another. 35 By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have **love** one to another.

1. We are commanded to love! 34 **A new commandment I** give unto you, **That ye love one another**; as I have **loved** you, that ye also **love** one another.
 - a. The only authorized debt we can have is love
Romans 13:8 **Owe no man any thing, but to love** one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.
 - b. Love is the key to doing what God wants us to do
Galatians 5:14 For all the **law is fulfilled in one word**, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself

c. Walking in love is a natural outflow of being a follower of God **Ephesians 5:1-2** Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; ² And **walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us**, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

I Thessalonians 4:9 But as touching brotherly love ye **need not that I write unto you:** for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

d. We are to love with a sincere love. **I Peter 1:22** Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto **unfeigned love of the brethren**, see that ye **love one another with a pure heart fervently:**

e. Our love for the brethren is like reassurance that we are saved! **I John 4:7** Beloved, let us love one another: for **love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.** **4:11** Beloved, if God so loved us, **we ought also to love one another.**

2. We are told how to love! **34** A new commandment I give unto you, That ye **love** one another; **as I have loved you**, that ye also **love** one another.

- a. We can express love by forgiving and asking for forgiveness **4:8** And above all things have **fervent charity** among yourselves: for **charity shall cover the multitude of sins.** **Ephesians 5:32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.**
- b. We can express love by caring for each other **I John 3:16-18** Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and **we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.** **17** But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and **shutteth up his bowels of compassion** from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? **18** My little children, **let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.**
- c. We love by serving each other like Jesus showed us as He washed feet
- d. We love by giving preference to our brother **Romans 12:10** *Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;*
- e. We love by comforting each other **I Thessalonians 4:18** **Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**

- f. We love by building our brother up in the Lord
I Thessalonians 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
- g. Paul told the Corinthians that there was a more excellent way and that was to love each other I Corinthians 12:31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you **a more excellent way.** 13:4 Charity **suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not** itself, is **not puffed up,** 5 Doth not **behave** itself unseemly, **seeketh not her own,** is **not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;** 6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; 7 **Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.**
- i. **Suffereth long**—or doesn't lose its patience
1. Doesn't get angry easily
 2. Accept others as they are
- ii. **Kind**—or good
1. Recognizes the needs of others
 2. Seeks to help and better the other person
- iii. **Envieth not** – does not seek to control the other

- iv. **Vaunteth not itself**—does not try to impress, does not always talk about his or her self
- v. **Is not puffed up**—not just thinking of oneself
 - 1. Doesn't think that he or she is so important
 - 2. Doesn't think that every thing revolves around him or her self
- vi. **Does not behave itself unseemly**
 - 1. Doesn't have bad manners
 - 2. Doesn't do things that embarrass
- vii. **Seeketh not her own**
 - 1. Taking advantage
 - 2. Everything for me
 - 3. Control
- viii. **Not easily provoked**
 - 1. Doesn't take everything personally
 - 2. Doesn't get upset easily
- ix. **Thinketh no evil**
 - 1. Doesn't hold bitterness in his or her heart
 - 2. Doesn't keep count of mistakes
 - 3. Doesn't rehearse mistakes
 - 4. Destroys all evidence against the other
- x. **Rejoiceth not in iniquity**

1. Making comparisons with the sins of another so that you can feel good about yourself
2. Saying things like everybody does it

xi. Rejoiceth in the truth

1. Christian fellowship
2. Content in what is good
3. Concerned about your spiritual life

xii. Beareth all things

1. No limit to your patience
2. Can live with the errors of others
3. Can feel for others

xiii. Believeth all things

1. Trusts without limit
2. Believes in the person and his or her value without question
3. Never doubts the other's integrity

xiv. **Hopeth all things**, peace and hope in God that He will accomplish the right

xv. **Endureth all things**—will cross whatever obstacle, love even when the other doesn't

h. We are to love like Christ has loved us

- i. Sacrificing ourselves for our brothers [John 10:17-18](#)
Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. [18](#) No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.
- ii. Loving them before they love us [I John 4:19](#) We love him, because he first loved us.
- iii. Forgiving them like Jesus has forgiven us
[Colossians 3:13](#) Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do ye*.
[Hebrews 12:13-15](#) And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed. [14](#) **Follow peace with all men, and holiness,** without which no man shall see the Lord: [15](#) Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; **lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;**
- iv. Loving them when they are unlovely
- v. Seeking to help them succeed and grow

3. Love is the characteristic mark of his disciples **35** **By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have **love** one to another.**

- a. The world doesn't know how to express love
- b. Most usages of the word love have to do with giving to get
- c. We give without hoping to get
- d. The world will not be drawn to us by our doctrine or separation though those are super important
- e. The world will see that there is something that affects us here and now and makes our lives completely different than theirs