



## A COMMANDMENT FOR THE 11<sup>TH</sup> HOUR

John 13:34-35 (NASB)

<sup>34</sup>"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>35</sup>"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

### I. Christ's greatest \_\_\_\_\_ from us is to love one another

A. That is right—FROM US! There are lots of things that we may do:

1. We may \_\_\_\_\_ and we should!
2. We may \_\_\_\_\_ and we should if we have the gift
3. We may \_\_\_\_\_ and again we should if we have the gift
4. There are many other things we may do.

But hear me carefully: if we do all those things and do not love, we have missed the essence to the Gospel.

B. Jesus' commandment was not new in the sense that God had never before commanded us to love! It was a new standard of love for 2 reasons:

1. It was sacrificial, modeled by His love;
2. It is produced through the New Covenant by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

### II. The \_\_\_\_\_ of love is Christ

- A. HIS LOVE is unconditional!
- B. When the love of Jesus dwells in the heart of a believer, several things happen.

**III. Our love for one another is the \_\_\_\_\_ for God in this world!**

Vs.35 'By this all men shall know that you are my disciples, if you love one another!'

"How important is love?" you ask. It is what Christ died for, and his grandest desire is that we love one another. He is the source of that true love, and our primary purpose in this world is show His love to others.