



A COMMANDMENT FOR THE 11TH HOUR

John 13:34-35 (NASB)

³⁴"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵"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.