

FUNDAMENTALS of CHRISTIAN LIVING

Sermon Title: Developing a Caring Community

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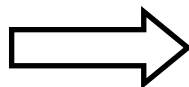
John 13:34–35 ... *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

Why does Jesus give a *new* commandment?

- It is a new commandment because it is given at the advent of a new covenant to govern the behavior of the church.

What do we learn from the context of the new commandment?

- In the absence of the physical presence of Jesus, the church is to be the physical expression of the love of Jesus through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.



What do we learn from the content of the new commandment?

- The love Jesus showed to the disciples is the model we are to emulate.

What do we learn from the purpose of the new commandment?

- The way we (the church) love each other, is a public proclamation that we learned from Jesus.

Memory Verse for August-September

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."

Psalms 1:1-3

From the Resources

“‘How can I get love?’ asks one. Love comes by the way of faith. First trust the Master and then you will soon learn to love His servants. Rely upon the Savior and you will then feel an affection for all the saved ones. Commit yourself now into the hands that were pierced for sinners and you will soon joyfully give a loving embrace to those for whom Christ’s precious blood was shed.

Charles Spurgeon - No. 2936
Christ’s New Commandment
April 4, 1875