

A New Commandment John 13:33-35

33 Little children, I shall be with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, 'Where I am going, you cannot come,' so now I say to you. 34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." NKJV

Jesus gave us some really hard commandments. He told us that we are to love our enemies. In some ways that is easier than what we have before us today.

As I one heard. To dwell above with saints we love, O that will be glory.
But to dwell below with saints we know, now that's another story.

Love is an intricate part of the Christian experience. It is in every list of commands and stands behind all the commandments.

Rom 13:8-10; 8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. NKJV

- I. Love is something that can be commanded and God expects us to obey.
 - A. John 15:12-14; 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.
 - B. John 15:17 These things I command you, that you love one another. NKJV
 - C. Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, NKJV
 - D. Love can also be taught.
 - 1. Titus 2:3-4 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things — 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, NKJV
- II. What does love look like.
 - A. 1 Cor 13:4-8
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 - 1. Love suffers long
 - 2. and is kind;
 - 3. love does not envy;
 - 4. love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;

5. 5 does not behave rudely,
6. does not seek its own,
7. is not provoked,
8. thinks no evil;
9. 6 does not rejoice in iniquity,
10. but rejoices in the truth;
11. 7 bears all things,
12. believes all things,
13. hopes all things,
14. endures all things.
15. 8 Love never fails. NKJV

B. Rom 12:9-10;

1. 9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.
10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love,
2. in honor giving preference to one another; NKJV

III. Jesus has set the example

- A. Eph 5:1-2 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. NKJV

1 Cor 16:13 Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. 14 Let all that you do be done with love. NKJV