



“A New Command”

“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.”³⁴ “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.”³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”³⁶ Simon Peter asked him, “Lord, where are you going?” Jesus replied, “Where I am going, you cannot follow now, but you will follow later.”

- John 13:33-36 (TNIV)

1. If we don't view Jesus through the lens of the Cross and Resurrection, we'll be viewing only a shadow of Him. (See 1 John 4:7-21; Hebrews 10:1; Colossians 2:17)
2. When Jesus gives a New Command, he doesn't throw away the old; He fulfills it and focuses it for the new age. (see Leviticus 19:18; Colossians 2:13-14)
3. The only competition we have in loving one another is loving ourselves.

“There is no greater agreement between the love of ourselves, and the love of our neighbor, than there is between fire and water. Self-love keeps all our senses bound in such a manner that brotherly love is altogether banished; and yet we think that we fully discharge our duty, because Satan has many enticements to deceive us, that we may not perceive our faults. Whomever then, desires to be truly a disciple of Christ, and to be acknowledged by God, let him form and direct his whole life to love the brethren, and let him pursue this object with diligence.”

– John Calvin