





A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

John 13:35

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.





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Background of the Text

- John Chapters 1-12 focus on Jesus' public ministry.
- John Chapters 13-17 focus on Jesus' private ministry to those who truly believe.

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- In these chapters Jesus is alone with His disciples.
- Jesus knew that the hour of His crucifixion and glorification was fast approaching.

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Everything Jesus said was in the context of the 3 years He lived daily with His disciples. Jesus washed His disciples feet, including the feet of Judas Iscariot, His betrayer.



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As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.



You are my friends if you do what I command.

John 15:15a

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business.

John 15:15b Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:16a

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit,

John 15:16b

fruit that will last, and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.



This is my command: Love each other.

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Galatians 2:20

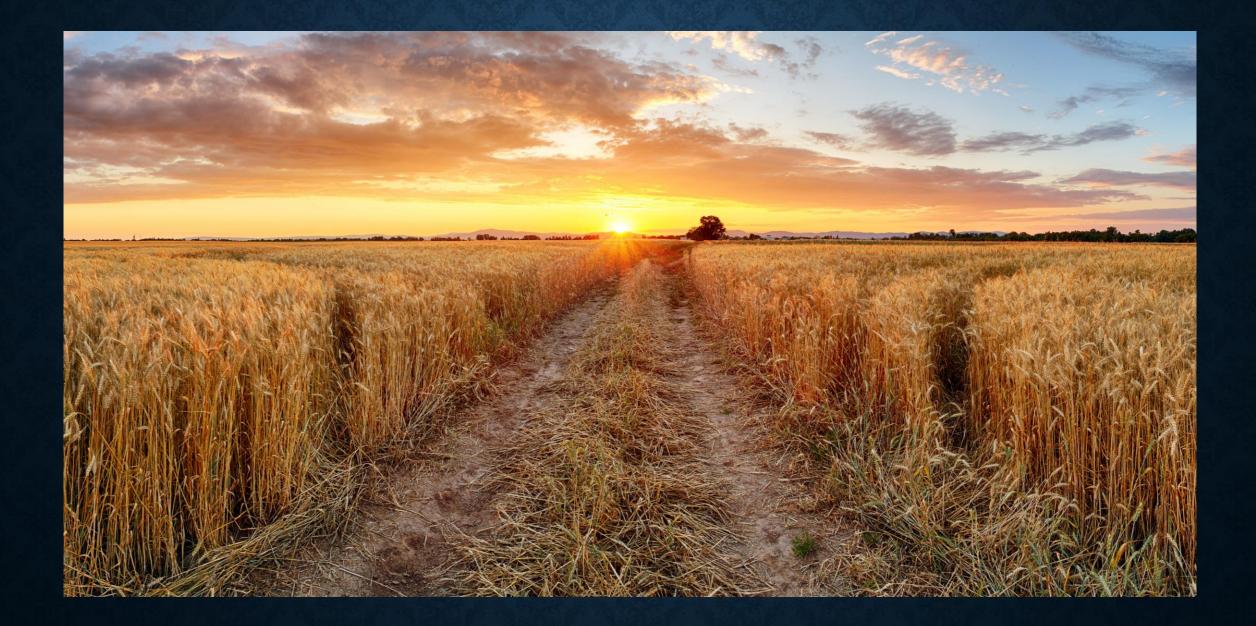
My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.



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As a child of God, you are commanded to genuinely love others with Christlike love, regardless of whether they deserve it and regardless of how you feel about them.



Principle #4

To love others the way Christ loved us, requires that we treat others as we would treat Christ.



There is no "one way" to love others with Christlike love because we are all dependent on the Lord to reveal His will in each and every situation.

Principle #6

The results of loving others with a Christlike love will have different results for different people.



Loving others with Christlike love is the greatest tool we have in regards to spreading the Christian faith, here and now.

Is your life full of Christlike love for others?

Are you in relationship with people who have Christlike love?

How would your relationships change if you dedicated yourself to loving anyone and everyone with Christlike love?



