

- 34 "A new commandment a new order of life I Jesus Christ, your Savior & head of Church give to you, to you bel.s for your advantage that you love one another, other bel.s even as, Just as I have loved you, that you every bel. also as I have loved you love one another.
- 35 "By this all angels & humans will know by observing your love that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." other bel.s

- 1. New in **Origin**: source of NC is JC in contrast with Moses as the giver of Old Comm. to love your neighbor as you love yourself.
- 2. New as to **recipients** of this NC. To Church-Age bels that is to New Spiritual creation n Christ which has never existed before.
- 3. New in **Direction**; NC is to love OA –every other bel. in contrast with ‘thy neighbor’ fellow countryman-- Jews
- 4. New in **Foundation as I have loved you** in contrast with Old Comm.
- “**as you love yourself**”

- 5. New in Impact
- a. to the bel. constantly thinking of Christ & how He loved you. Instead of thinking about yourself or the other person or of sin
- b. In the Spiritual Warfare: “all” will know that you are mine.
- What do you desire others to know about you?
- c. In emphasis: when you love by NC you draw attention to Jesus Christ, & to His love, not to yourself, but to the love of Jesus Christ.

- First: The New Commandment:
to love one another as Jesus Christ loved
you.

Now: How?

How do you love as Jesus Christ loved you?

- Love of the New Commandment is a fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- It is supernatural love
- Gal. 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love

- Name or designation of this love:
- Since our flesh cannot produce this love, lets identify it as **Spiritual Love**
- This love is from **God the Holy Spirit** — therefore Spiritual Love as opposed to human love.
- This love is from **New Spiritual Creation**— therefore Spiritual Love as opposed to human love or even Divine Love.
- This love has **Spiritual impact** therefore Spiritual Love.

- a look at Spiritual Love
- I. Nothing will make greater demands on your life than to love as Jesus Christ loves
- Look what it cost Him: crucifixion!
- II. How did Jesus Christ love?
- three options
- 1. He could have loved from His **divine nature.**
- 2. He could have loved from His **perfect human nature.**
- 3. He chose to love from **the power of the Holy Spirit.** **We can do this!**

- Isa. 42:1 "Behold, My Servant, Jesus Christ whom I God the Father uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.
- All three members of the Godhead in this one verse.
- Matt. 3:16 And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him,
- Luke 4:1 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led about by the Spirit in the wilderness

- 1 John 2:6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.
- So we better know how He walked.
- He walked by the power & leading & loving of the Holy Spirit.
- & we can do this.

- Rom. 5:5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- You do not make a decision to love as Jesus Christ loved
- You make a decision to turn yourself over to the power and ministry of the Holy Spirit
- Then He, God, the Holy Spirit pours this love into your heart.