

**“The Last Supper (part 3):
The New Commandment”**

John 13:31-35

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At the end of John 13, during the Last Supper, Jesus reveals the Great Mandate to His Apostles—He calls it a “new commandment.” His new commandment is the highest ideal of love. Today we examine the implications of this new commandment.

**1. The basis of the New Commandment—Jesus’
exaltation (31-33)**

³¹Therefore when He had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him; ³²if God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and will glorify Him immediately. ³³Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek Me; and as I said to the Jews, now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’”

**2. The basics of the New Commandment—Jesus’
exhortation (34-35)**

³⁴A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

- A. What is the highest kind of love?
 - 1) It is of supernatural origin (Galatians 5:22)
 - 2) Its greatest expression—forgiveness (1 Corinthians 13:5)
 - 3) It is made manifest through actions (1 John 3:18)
- B. Why love other Christians?
 - 1) It is a command (Romans 12:10)
 - 2) It is a privilege we enjoy (Ephesians 5:32)
 - 3) It preserves unity (Philippians 2:1-2)
 - 4) It is a witness (John 13:35)
 - 5) It brings assurance (1 John 3:14)
- C. Roadblocks to true love:
 - 1) Gossip
 - 2) A critical spirit
 - 3) A judgmental attitude
 - 4) Nit-picking
 - 5) Withholding good
 - 6) Unforgiveness