

Love One Another Part 1!

KJV John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The reason it's a **new commandment** is because the first commandment in **Lev 19:18** required believers to love their neighbor as themselves.

Love was limited by people's perception of themselves and the world around them—if we don't properly love ourselves we can't love others properly.

If we do love ourselves we still fall short because some people need more love than we give ourselves?

Do you realize some people need us to love them more than we love ourselves!

It's possible to ignore someone else's needs because we don't need it!

I think us men are more guilty of this—Shoot I walked all the way from Memphis and got a job at the factory, that guy can walk to work!

KJV John 15:12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus repeats His command! That we love one another—**that our love for each other would be mutual!**

That we would have the same love for each other as Christ loves us!

Jesus says we should be willing to lay down our lives for each other!

I've met people who have given their entire life to military service at any time they were willing to die for their country.

I wonder would that same person be willing to die for another believer of another nationality, race or denomination.

Only a true Believers will do more for someone than they would do for themselves!

Isn't this what Christ Jesus did and does for us!

Jesus was **never a sinner** but He took our sin!

Jesus was **never sick** but He took our sickness!

Jesus was **never poor** but He took our poverty!

Jesus came into the world and was touched by everything that touches us

➤ Is this **not** how He loves us!

Didn't Christ do things for us that He didn't need Himself!

He never needed any of these things done for Himself, but He came did it for everyone and then sacrificed His life!

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We have heard and maybe even said: *"I'll take a bullet for my family"!*

That's good, however the odds are:

The odds of you being shot are 1 in 300.

It's not likely that any of us will have to die for another—so how did Jesus lay down His life?

ESV Philippians 2:5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus:

6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

In other words even though Christ was God in every way, He never felt it necessary to hold on to His divinity or it beneath Himself to become human. He never thought He was too good to become one of us!

7 but made himself nothing, (most are trying to make themselves somebody) taking the form of a servant (most people want to be served), being born in the likeness of men (most people are trying to change how they look).

8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

(most people are doing all they can to avoid death.)

And before He died on the cross He went around doing good all the while being talked about, criticized and misunderstood—but He loved anyway!

Your brother probably won't need you to take a bullet for him, but he will need you to love him through the loss of a loved one!

Your sister probably won't need you to take a bullet for her, but she probably will need you to love her through a bad relationship!

NIV 1 Peter 3:8 Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble.

When we love each other like Christ loves us we **live in harmony!**

We don't sow discord we are **united in attitude and action!**

Be sympathetic—feel what your brother is going through so he knows you're with him in his affliction.

Love like family—treat every believer like they are **kin!** This is where the word **kind** comes from—cause family is **kind** to one another.

Be Pitiful—or tender hearted, let what they're feeling get into your heart. Empathy is another word—imagine how you'd feel if you were in that situation.

Be humble or be friendly, polite and courteous when your brother and sister are going through.

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This is the **only** way the world will know Jesus Christ is real and The Word of God has disciplined our lives!