

Today...we will learn that honorable service requires that we \_\_\_\_\_ one another!

**John 13:34-35 (NIV)** <sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 15:12 John 15:17

### 1. An Old Commandment made \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus said: "An new command I give you, love one another"

The \_\_\_\_\_ commandment: love others like you love yourself.  
(Leviticus 19:18,19; Matthew 22:39)

The \_\_\_\_\_ commandment: love others like I loved you. (Jesus)

### 2. A Perfect Example: Love \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ.

Love among the fellowship of Christian believers is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ and the hallmark of true Christianity.

So, how did Jesus love them? Let's do a review of the word love. What does "love" mean? The Greek language used five different words for "love".

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| Storge    | _____ affection   |
| Phileo    | the love of _____   |
| Epithymia | denotes strong desire or strong _____   |
| Eros      | _____ in nature (not in New Testament)  |
| Agape     | Agape is _____ love. This is the highest kind of love that a person can possess. This is a commitment of surrender and service, _____ giving oneself to another.<br>(God and Jesus demonstrated it.... John 3:16) |

The Apostle Paul wrote the finest definition for sacrificial love.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (NIV)** <sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. <sup>8</sup> Love never fails.

**3. The result. The way we “love one another” is a dynamic \_\_\_\_\_ to the world.**

The manner in which we love one another can be a positive witness or it can be a negative witness. The way we love one another will be a witness... we have \_\_\_\_\_ of what kind of a witness it may be.

Remember... our love for one another will be \_\_\_\_\_ that we are a true disciple of Christ. And if we are not loving toward one another... then it reveals our heart and lack of commitment to Jesus Christ.

**Conclusion:**

- ▶ Do you sacrificially love the people in the fellowship of Christian believers?
- ▶ How do you demonstrate love, especially to those you find difficult to love?
- ▶ Do you speak well of the Christian church and those in the church?
- ▶ What is the Holy Spirit asking you to start doing to show your love toward other Christians?
- ▶ What is the Holy Spirit asking you to stop doing that demonstrates disunity?
- ▶ What \_\_\_\_\_ will you take this week to show love toward other Christians, especially those whom you find difficult to love? Commit to honorable service for Jesus Christ and show sacrificial love in the fellowship of Christian believers. Start today!