

What is a commandment?

"it is an important rule given by God that tells people how to behave."

Can you remember the 10 commandments?



Exodus 20 – The 10 commandments

- 1. Thou shalt not have other gods before me.
- 2. Thou shalt not make any graven image and bow down to them.
- 3. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy in vain.
- 4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.
- 5. Honour thy father and mother
- 6. Thou shalt not kill.
- 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery
- 8. Thou shalt not steal.
- 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
- 10. Thou shalt not covet.



John 13:34-35

- 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 shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

"As I have loved you". It is this that makes it a new commandment. Understand this of all the instances of Christ's love to His disciples.

Thus He had loved them, and thus they must love one another and love to the end.

(Matthew Henry)



A. It is NEW because...

It is the extent of the Agape love in Christ.

It springs from our new nature in Christ.

It shows of our new characteristics in Christ.

In Light or in Darkness?

- 1 John 2: 9-11 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.
- 10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.
- 11 <u>But he that hateth his brother is in</u>
 darkness, and walketh in darkness, and
 knoweth not whither he goeth, because that
 darkness hath blinded his eyes.

B. "Love one another, as I have loved you"

 How did Jesus love His disciples?

1. Jesus loved them unselfishly.



Jonathan and David

- 1 Samuel 18:1-4
- Unselfish brotherly love



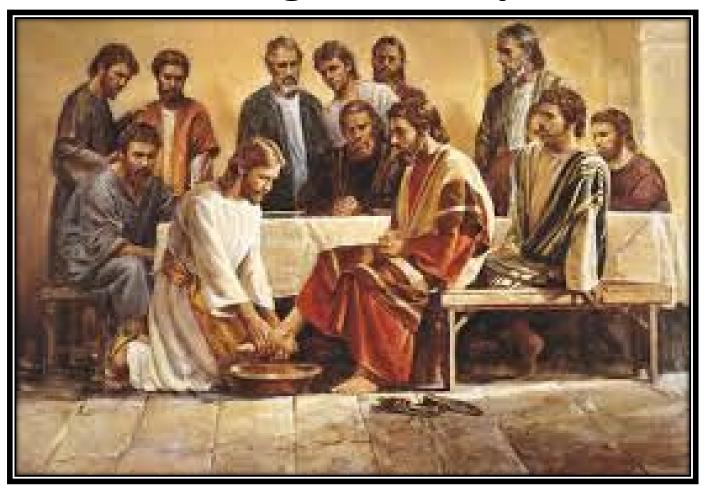
2. Jesus loved them patiently



3. Jesus loved them practically



Jesus washing His disciples' feet

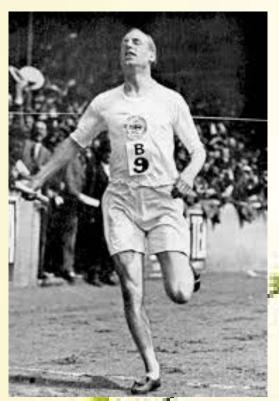


"For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." John 13:15

C. "by this shall all men know that you are my disciples"

Eric Liddell

The Man Who Wouldn't Run on a Sunday



"He Who Honours Me, I will Honour, 1 Samuel 2:30."





A New Commandment

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