



Sermon Outline
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A New Command

John 13:34-35

Our interactions with others can be improved and enhanced by some specific principles:

Rule #1 - The Golden Rule: *Decide how you want to be treated and begin treating others that way.*

Rule #2 - The Law of the Harvest: *You reap what you sow relationally.*

Rule #3 - A New Command: _____ one another.

What was new about Jesus' command?

1. It _____ the two greatest commands down to one.

Matthew 22:36-40 - "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

2. It _____ the bar on loving others.

The command presented a new quality, measure and _____ for love.

* Existing standard – *Love your neighbor as* _____.

* New standard – *Love others as* _____ *loves you.*

The love of Jesus is:

Un_____

Unselfish

Un_____

Unrestrained

Un_____

There's at least two major hitches with the New Command:

1) It doesn't allow for _____.

1 John 4:7-8 - Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

_____ interaction with others is to be filtered through this command.

2) You can't _____ this kind of love on your own.

1 John 4:19 - We love because he first loved us.

Romans 5:5 - And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

3. It _____ how the followers of Jesus would be recognized.

The love Christ commands is not so much something to _____, as it is something to _____.