

- New Commandment

- GJ 13:34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.
- 35 "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
- New Commandment:
- Love One Another as I have loved you

- How

- How are we to love one another just as Jesus Christ loved me?
- This love is supernatural love
- This love is fruit of Holy Spirit
- Gal. 5:22 fruit of Holy Spirit is love
- Rom. 5:5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

- I. Nothing will make greater demands on your life than to love as Jesus Christ loves
- II. How did Jesus Christ love?
- Jesus Christ loved by the power of Holy Spirit. Isa. 42:1; Matt. 3:16; Luke 4:1 1 John 2:6
- 1 Tim.1:14 & the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith & love which are found in Christ Jesus.
- Christ lived & loved by Faith in Holy Spirit;
- Gal. 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.
- NIV For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

- III. another way at looking how Jesus Christ loves:
- *Sacrificial to self for the benefit of others,*
- *even His enemies*

- IV. Spiritual love cannot be defined.
- Eph. 3:14 For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven & on earth derives its name,
- 16 in order that He would grant you, graciously give according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power
- through His Spirit in the inner man;
- 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;
- so that Christ might settle down & feel completely at home in your hearts”
through faith;- by means of faith

- & that you, being rooted & grounded in love,
- not love from flesh but from Holy Spirit
- That He may graciously grant or give to you according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power by Holy Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ might feel at home in your hearts by means of faith, that you, being rooted & grounded in love. Spiritual love
- 1st empowered by Holy Spirit---how—by faith
- 2en Christ at home in your heart
- 3rd by means of faith
- 4th rooted & grounded in love
- I/HS (by faith) > F/HS by faith > JC abiding in you temporary > loving as JC loves –fulfilling the New Commandment—supernatural love—Spiritual Love
- All this that you may be able--

- 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
- GJ 16:12 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
- 13 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth;

- 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
- 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God.

- 1. This means that the love of Christ goes beyond the breadth, length, height, & dept of human perception!
- 2. What is it that surpasses knowledge?
- The love of Jesus Christ---
- The New Commandment!
- A love that can flow through you!
- 3. Love of Jesus Christ is **immeasurable** - & now the human mind **cannot comprehend** this love
- 4. The love of JC is **undefinable**—we will see that the bible does not define this love, it describes it—by it's effects.

- 5. Therefore no one, not even a bel. can produce this love by energy of the flesh. It is beyond human comprehension or production.
- How can you produce what you cannot even understand?
- 6. This is why to have this love demands power of Holy Spirit.
- 7. this is why so much of the world cannot understand the cross of Christ—the love of God, the love of Christ that He would die for all the human race.
- & therefore they either reject it or try to add to it. This love surpasses all human understanding--it is received by faith & it is grasped by faith in the power of Holy Spirit.

- 1. The subject throughout this section is the love of Christ. The love we are to love by.
- 2. The target is the bel. for only bel. can have this love, know this love
- 3. To know this love - You must have F/HS
- 4. To love with this love -you must have Christ in you
- 5. Knowledge of this love & to love with this love -you must have faith in Holy Spirit for He gives power to grasp it & He pours it in you.
- 6. you must have supernatural knowledge for this love is beyond the dimension of human understanding. This love is not known by the wisdom of man.

- that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God.
- The greatest thing God can do for you is to make you like His son
- 4:13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ.
- Col. 1:27 to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.
- Jesus Christ is the fullness of God

- You cannot save yourself as an unbeliever
- You cannot restore yourself from sin as a bel.
- You cannot live SFL by energy of flesh
- You cannot obey NC by energy of flesh
- You cannot love as Christ loved in energy of flesh
- You cannot will this love in energy of flesh
- You do not make a decision to love as JC loved, you make a decision to walk by Faith in HS & He, HS pours this love in you!
- We make a faith decision
- Our obedience is the obedience that is faith

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- **II.** How did Jesus Christ love? by HS; Isa. 42:1; Matt. 3:16; Luke 4:1 1J 2:6
- **III.** Sacrificial to self; beneficial to others
- **IV.** Spiritual Love is not defined: Eph. 3:14ff
- **V.** Spiritual Love not defined but described
- The love commanded by JC in NC cannot be defined!
- It is defined by describing where it exist.
- **1 John 3:16 We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; & we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. OA**

- Direction
- Magnitude
- Impact or effect
- GJ 3:16 "For God so loved the world,
- 1st the **direction** of God's love is the world...all human beings, unbelievers.
- Next we come to **magnitude** of God's love **that He gave His only begotten Son**, now **impact or effect** of this love **that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.**

- VI. Spiritual love will make you look weak & foolish!
- 1 Cor. 1:23 but we preach Christ crucified to Jews a stumbling block, & to gentiles foolishness.