

Where Is The Love?

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John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Any minister who is serious about doing the Lord's work will tell you that there are things that need to be said at times that he wishes that he didn't have to say. For instance people want to be told that everything is going well and that we just need to keep it up. In some cases there is a pressing need for repentance and a greater effort to serve the Lord. Maybe too often we're satisfied and take it for granted that God is pleased with us as well.

There are so many things that we can read in scripture where the Lord said to do something and the same verse is taken to mean different things by different people. One of the things I have been thinking about is in these verses, John 13:34&35. Jesus spoke of love, and his words are clear and easy to understand. There is really no room for error about what he said and meant for his followers to do. We are to love one another. What part of that is hard

to understand?

Let's be honest and consider this carefully. He said it was a commandment, not a suggestion. The Lord gave it himself and not someone else, so we know that it is valid, correct, and given by the authority of God. Can anyone be so arrogant and/or foolish as to say that he didn't mean what he said? This has the same authority and importance as when he said that we are to believe, repent, confess, be baptized, and to live for him.

Jesus said to love one another. Not just family and friends, but to love our neighbor as ourselves. **James 2:8**, "If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well." If we're honest often times we love our family and friends and tolerate everyone else. When someone disagrees with us we find it hard to love them and if they do something harmful to us it becomes even worse. People will argue over politics, money, and about anything else. The Lord didn't say that we have to like everything that others do, but he did say that we are to love them. God didn't agree, or accept, our sins but he loved us anyway, didn't he?

Even those who say that they are part of God's church don't love each other like the Lord said to do. All that is called the church is not a unified body standing on the word of God and walking with the Lord. It can't be when

so many don't even think some are saved when they don't do everything just like they do. Doesn't it seem almost like some of the apostles were when they debated with each other about who would be the greatest among them? **Luke 22:24**, "And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest." So many like to think that they are better, or greater, than all the rest of the believers.

Instead of the church being one unified group of believers it is a number of splintered groups with each one going its own way, thinking that it is the right one. **1 Corinthians 3:1-4**, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Jesus said to love one another and he meant it. Until the church can do that and mean it, little will be done to win the lost to Christ."

Colossians 1:3-4, "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints."

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THE LORD TELLS SAMUEL THAT THE ISRAELITES HAVE NOT REJECTED THE PROPHET BUT THE LORD HIMSELF BY ASKING FOR A KING, NOW....

...THEY HAVE FORSAKEN ME AND SERVED OTHER GODS...

...NOW THEREFORE HEarken UNTO THEIR VOICE...

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