

# **A NEW COMMANDMENT**

## **JOHN 13:34-35**

### **I. THE PURPOSE BEHIND THE UNUSUAL TERMINOLOGY (13:34)**

- A. Unacceptable Answer: It Is Not Because This Had Never Been Taught Before
- B. Acceptable Answer: The Newness Is In The Standard That Christ Himself Had Modeled [*"As I Have Loved You"*]
  - 1. No One In The History Of The World Had Ever Loved Like He Did
  - 2. It Is At Once Remarkable And Condemning

### **II. THE EFFECT OF OBEDIENCE TO THE COMMANDMENT (13:35)**

- A. Even Unbelievers Will Acknowledge The Supernatural Nature Of This Humanly Impossible Standard
- B. Interpersonal Relationships Within The Local Church Will Be Greatly Improved
  - 1. Peter Assumed That He Was Perfectly Suited For The Challenge (13:37)
  - 2. The Lord Exposed Him As Not Even Being Able To Love The Very One Who Had Loved Him So Supremely (13:38)