# A NEW COMMANDMENT

## JOHN 13:34-35

1. **THE PURPOSE BEHIND THE UNUSUAL TERMINOLOGY (13:34)**
   1. Unacceptable Answer: It Is Not Because This Had Never Been Taught Before
   2. 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
2. **THE EFFECT OF OBEDIENCE TO THE COMMANDMENT (13:35)**
   1. Even Unbelievers Will Acknowledge The Supernatural Nature Of This Humanly Impossible Standard
   2. 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)