

# The Loving Church Church Clearly – Part 4

John 13:1-5; 34-35  
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*"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples." John 13:34-35*

*"Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God as been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." Romans 5:5*

## When It Comes To Real Love...

### 1. JESUS GIVES US OUR MANDATE.

*"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other..." John 13:34a*

*"This is My commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you." John 15:12*

*"This is My commandment: Love each other." John 15:17*

*"Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other; let us really show it by our actions." 1 John 3:18*

### 2. JESUS GIVES US OUR MODEL.

*"...Just as I have loved you, you should love each other." John 13:34b*

- **We love as Jesus loved when we...**

- **Accept others unconditionally.**

*"So accept each other just as Christ has accepted you; then God will be glorified." Romans 15:7*

*"If it is possible, as much as it depends on you, live peaceable with all men." Romans 12:18*

- **Forgive others willingly.**

*"Make allowance for each others faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others." Colossians 3:13*

- **Serve others humbly.**

*"Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that His hour had come to leave this world and return to His Father. He had loved His disciples during His ministry on earth, and now He loved them to the very end. It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had given Him authority over everything and that He had come from God and would return to God. So He got up from the table, took off His robe, wrapped a towel around His waist, and poured water into a basin. Then He began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel He had around Him." John 13:1-5*