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When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.”

“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.”

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

-John 13:31-35



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Dear friends, I am not writing a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

-1 John 2:7-8



1) *The Love of God—Our Model*

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1) The Love of God—Our Model

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

-1 John 4:10-11



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2) This Is How You'll Know

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

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- *Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. -1 John 4:7*
- *We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. -1 John 3:14*
- *This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother and sister. -1 John 3:10*
- *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. -1 John 4:8*
- *Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother and sister is still in the darkness. Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. -1 John 2:9-10*



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*And this is his command: to believe
in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and to love one another as he
commanded us.*

-1 John 3:23



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So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.



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Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. For him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

-Ephesians 4:11-16



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You know this is supposed to be the church right? Why do we seem to be the opposite right now? Unity...not division. Love...not hate. Building up...not tearing down. The standard of Christ...not the standard of a party or candidate. Speaking the truth in love...not spewing hate. Helping others grow...not trampling on them unjustly. Helping...not harming. Anchored...not blown about. Full of love.

-Carey Nieuwhof

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The demonization and dehumanization of the other side must stop. When professing Christians do it, it is triply wrong.... Historic Christians believe that our sin has made us worthy of condemnation and hell. From those living respectable lives to those leading criminal lives, all of us fall infinitely (and therefore equally) short of loving and serving God in the way that is due him. Therefore, we can only be saved through Christ by sheer grace....

-Tim Keller



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So Christians can never feel morally superior to any one else at all. That means (MAIN POINT) when we call out evildoing in others, as vital as that is, we can never imply by our attitude or language that they deserve God's condemnation, but we do not....

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Therefore: “the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth...” (2 Timothy 2:24-26)....

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Right now our very social fabric is tearing apart because of, among other things, increasing, mutual demonizations ON BOTH SIDES. Christians must not contribute to this in any way.

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Unless the world sees people getting along inside the churches and between the churches, who out in the world don't get along, why won't they just think we're just like any other cultural or political group.

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*Greater love has no one than this: to
lay down one's life to one's friends.*

-John 15:13



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My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life to one's friends.

-John 15:12-13

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

-John 15:9



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