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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

John 13:34-35 *“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.”* (NIV)

I've often found it interesting that Jesus would have to tell His disciples that He was commanding them to love each other. Wouldn't they already know that they were to love each other? We see glimpses of the fact that they had not quite yet understood this or put it into practice when they argued over who would get to sit at Jesus's right hand when He set up His kingdom on earth. Sounds much like us, doesn't it? Jesus had been telling them that He was going to die, rise again, and ascend back to the Father. But now He commands them to love one another. The reason was so that everyone would know. I wonder if others know we are His. Do they see His love through us—or do they see us as we are? Meditate on that for just a moment. What would this world look like if we truly took this commandment to heart? I dare say we would see many more people coming to know the love of Christ because it is being personified through His children.

The greatest part about receiving and giving God's love is that it comes from Him. We are just the conduit that it flows through. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to cleanse us of ourselves and then to fill us with the love of God. Then we will truly show the world what true love is.

Dear LORD, please help me love so that others know it comes from You. Help me love so long and hard that all people will know that I am Yours. In Jesus Name, Amen