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The Command To Love

John 15:12 This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. 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 argue over who will get to sit at Jesus' right hand when He sets up His kingdom here on this 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. He had already given them the reason why they should: John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." The reason was so that everyone will 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.

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