

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT
John 15:9-17

INTRODUCTION

The words of Jesus leave no doubt that the great commandment is LOVE.

I. A NEW COMMANDMENT IN ITS EMPHASIS

- A. In the Old Testament the commandment to love is one of many commandments
- B. In the New Testament this commandment stands at the very beginning of the Christian life

II. A NEW COMMANDMENT IN ITS EXAMPLE

- A. JESUS IS OUR EXAMPLE OF LOVE IN ACTION
- B. THREE EXAMPLES OF LOVE
 - 1. Jesus' love for His disciples
 - 2. Jesus' love for all kinds of people
 - 3. Jesus' love for His enemies

CONCLUSION

We are to love as Jesus loved