



A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE TO YOU,
THAT YOU LOVE ONE ANOTHER;
as I have loved you,
THAT YOU ALSO LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

— JOHN 13:34 —

ASSEMBLY TEACHING

Assigned topic was 'Doctrine of the Church'

Doctrine: systematic vs. biblical theology -- deductive vs. inductive

Church: History of the English Bible – use of assembly (congregation) vs. church
First major English translation – Geneva Bible used 'congregation' for την εκκλησιαν
King James gave translators guidelines

Article 1. The ordinary Bible read in the Church, commonly called the Bishops Bible, to be followed, and as little altered as the truth of the original will permit.

Article 3. The old Ecclesiastical Words to be kept, viz. the Word Church not to be translated Congregation etc

Assembly: Etymology of την εκκλησιαν

A company of persons gathered for deliberation and legislation, worship, or entertainment
In NT always used with a direct or implied geographical location

Good Resource: http://www.bible-truth.org/Ekklesia.html#N_12_

The Final Requests of Jesus

Do this in Remembrance of me

At the last supper Jesus issued this invitation to his people
Why do we follow this invitation weekly?

Going into the world, make disciples

After his resurrection Jesus gives marching orders
Not a missionary manifesto

Love one another

τη αγαπη love = affection, benevolence, good-will, high esteem and concern for the welfare of the one loved.

This love is deliberate, purposeful love rather than emotional or impulsive love

Biblical love is benevolent & sustained interest and actions

Jesus gives this command just before his arrest & crucifixion

Jesus gives the command twice in strong imperatives

The apostles repeated and explained how to love one another

What does Scripture Teach?

This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you. These things I command you, that ye love one another. Joh 15:12,17

By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. John 13:35

But the end of what is enjoined is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience and unfeigned faith; 1Ti 1:5

He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in the darkness until now. He that loves his brother abides in light, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and knows not where he goes, because the darkness has blinded his eyes. 1Jo 2:9-11

For this is the message which ye have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another: We* know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. 1Jo 3:11,14

What does Scripture Teach?

And **this is his commandment**, that we believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, **and that we love one another**, even as he has given us commandment. 1Jo 3:23

Beloved, **let us love one another**; because love is of God, and every one that loves has been begotten of God, and knows God. Beloved, if God has so loved us, **we also ought to love one another**. 1Jo 4:7, 11

And this commandment have we from him, That he that loves God love also his brother. 1Jo 4:21

Above all things have fervent love for one another, for **love will cover a multitude of sins.**

Peter4:8 NKJV

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LOVE

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...is kind.
...does not envy.
...does not parade itself.
...is not puffed up.
...does not behave rudely.
...does not seek
it's own.
...is not provoked.

...thinks no evil.
...does not rejoice in iniquity.
...rejoices in the truth.
...bears all things.
...believes all things.
...endures all things.
...never fails.

1 Corinthians 13

What Should I Do Now?

- 1 Confess the lack of love as sin.
- 2 Acknowledge the fact that, in Christ, we died to hate.
- 3 Choose to love that person.
- 4 Trust God to do what you cannot.
- 5 Earnestly seek to change your attitude toward that person.
- 6 You may need to go see that person and demonstrate love.
- 7 Plan positive behavior.

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