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The Command to Love - Part 2

John 15:12, "This is my commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."

We've looked at the command of this verse; now let's look at the "how" of this command. We are to love - just as Christ has loved us!

When you take into consideration the magnitude of this command, it almost seems overwhelming. I mean, how is loving the way Christ loves us even possible? And what is the extent of that love?

Consider the scope of His great love. He loves you with no end. We tend to put parameters around our love....like we can give or take it whenever we choose, to whomever we like. If we are to love just like He loved us, we cannot limit the scope or extent of the love, but simply love, period....

I find it interesting that we seem to use love as a tool to get what we want. That is not love. That is selfish manipulation; and we've become very good at using it. If we don't get what we want, we can close somebody off; treat them differently; even walk away. Again, that is not love. Instead, to love as Jesus loves, simply means to Love with no limits!

I wonder what we would look like if we started to love, just as Jesus has loved us. Maybe people might really start seeing Him in us. After all, He told His disciples, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all people unto Me." How do we lift Him up? By loving the way He loved!

Oh Father in Heaven, please help me to love others just as you loved me. You didn't ask me to clean myself up or to jump through certain hoops so that I could have Your love. You just loved me...period...no strings attached. Thank You, thank You, thank You! Lord fill me with that kind of love so that I can lift up Jesus today, In His Name, Amen