

# “By This All Will Know That You Are My Disciples...”

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

## **Introduction:**

- A. If we had never heard the complete statement that is referenced above, we might guess as to a variety of ways Jesus finished his thought.
1. “...by the **name** that you wear” (*Rom 16:16*).
  2. “...by your abiding in the **right doctrine**” (*Acts 2:42*).
  3. “...by your functioning with the **right organization**” (*Phil 1:1*).
  4. “...by **worshiping** in the right way” (*John 4:24*).
- B. But in *John 13:35*, Jesus said, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have \_\_\_\_\_ for one another.”

## **I. This Love \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. It is a “new commandment” involving a new KIND of love (*John 13:34*).
- B. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ love—“just as I have loved you.”
- C. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ love—“by this all people will know.”

## **II. This Love \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. We are \_\_\_\_\_ by God how to love each other in this way (*1 Thess 4:9-10*).
- B. We learn from our elder \_\_\_\_\_ how to love each other in this way (*1 John 3:16*).
- C. We are stirred up by our \_\_\_\_\_ to love others in this way (*Heb 10:24-25*).

## **III. This Love \_\_\_\_\_ (*1 Corinthians 13*)**