

“By this the world will know”	John 13:35	January
“Forgiveness and Patience”	Col. 3:13; Eph. 4:32	February
“Honoring one another”	Rom. 12:10	March
“A warm welcome”	1 Pt. 4:9-10; Rom. 16:16, 15:7	April
“Encourage one another”	1 Thess. 5:11; Heb. 3:13	May
“Serve one another”	Gal. 5:13, 6:2; 1 Cor. 12:25; Phil. 2:3-4	June
“Sing and teach”	Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16	July
“Pray and confess”	James 5:16	August
“Show humility to each other”	1 Pt. 5:5; Eph. 5:21; Phil. 2:3	September
“Be like-minded”	Rom. 12:16, 15:5	October
“Admonish one another”	Rom. 15:14; Col. 3:16; Eph. 4:15, 25	November
“The test of our love”	1 John 4:7	December

John 13-17

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.....

.....I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.

“By this all will know that you are my disciples”

➤ What is the “this”?

- By your attendance at a religious service somewhere
- By the things you display publicly
- By the social and moral change you can accomplish
- By your ability to navigate the bible

➤ Jesus gives a new commandment (John 13:34-35)

- Love is “fleshed out” in the person of Jesus Christ

“By this all will know that you are my disciples”

➤ **Love sends a message to the world-these are God’s people!**

- The disciples in Acts were carrying the message: Acts 2:47, 4:34
- Social constructs were shattered by that love: Rom. 15:26

➤ **Love sends a message to the world-God sent His Son!**

- A powerful apologetic: John 17:20-26
- The early disciples acted quickly (Matthew, Cornelius, Lydia etc.)

“By this all will know that you are my disciples”

➤ What does loving one another require?

- Moving away from transactional equivalencies: there is no ledger!
- Sacrificing oneself for the benefit of another (John 15:9-13)
- Love is not always a “feel good” endeavor (2 Cor. 4:12; Gal. 6:2)

*By this all people will know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another*

John 13:35



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