

***The Expectations of New #7:  
The Newness of Agape***

**John 13:31-35** <sup>31</sup>When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified, and God is glorified in Him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify the Son in Himself—and will glorify Him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little while longer. You will look for Me, and as I said to the Jews, so now I say to you: ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup>A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.” (BSB)

**Intro:** As English-speaking Americans, we have a one-size fits all word for love. This can mean so many things. The Greek word used here for love is \_\_\_\_\_. It is a self-sacrificing love. This kind of love is different from \_\_\_\_\_, sexual love. It is also different from \_\_\_\_\_, brotherly love. It is also different from \_\_\_\_\_, love for child or relative.

- I. Here are some important details regarding Agape from this passage.
  - A. Jesus is trying to let the \_\_\_\_\_ know that He is about to be crucified, buried, resurrected and ascended. V. 31-33  
**John 16:7** But I tell you the truth, it is for your benefit that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. (BSB)
  - B. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ Agape for them. V. 34
  - C. Agape will be the \_\_\_\_\_ of their discipleship. V. 35
- II. What can we learn from this “new command”?
  - A. Agape love is not limited to a passionate relationship, a close friend, or a family member. We must be willing to do what is \_\_\_\_\_ for others even if it costs us and is not reciprocated back to us.
  - B. Agape love is always given out of the \_\_\_\_\_ that we have received from Jesus Christ. If we struggle loving in this manner we must go back and receive the love of God.
  - C. Agape love will \_\_\_\_\_ others to God through us. If we are not drawing anyone, we must see this as a sign that something is wrong.