

Deacon's Beacons

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“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” John 15:9–11

The 15th chapter of John is where Jesus is addressing His disciples about the great commandment to love. This occurs during the Last Supper Discourses. Here Jesus tells them that, if they keep His commandments, they will abide in His love. Remember that there were 613 commandments in the Jewish Law. Jesus, in the Synoptic Gospels, distilled them down to two: Love of God and love of neighbor. Here Jesus is not only repeating His commandment to love one another but He is qualifying that love by saying to love as He has loved us. That means that love must be self-sacrificing. Are you willing to embrace such love?

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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