

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

This stops one verse short of the climax: “This I command you, Love one another.” But that is the entire theme of this section of John’s Gospel. Jesus is telling His disciples to love one another and not just to love one another but to love one another as He loved them. In that moment, they did not really know the meaning of the command. But they would learn. And that is something that we all need to learn. Loving like Jesus is not easy. It is not fuzzy puppy love. This is commitment, self-sacrifice and costly. But if we can get this part right, the rest is really easy.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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