

## Deacon's Beacons

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“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34–35

Looking at this passage literally, it could seem that Jesus only wants us to love other Christians. But there is a basic fallacy in that. All people are children of God whether they are Christian or adhere to some other faith or even no faith at all. No one is to be excluded from this commandment. We are to love all people and that is how others will recognize us as Christians. The commandment to love one another is central to our faith but something that seems to stump many Christians. Notice that it says to love one another, not to judge one another.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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