A TELLING SIGN

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 13:35

 In verse 34 of John chapter thirteen Jesus said the New Commandment was for his followers to love one another as he (Jesus) had loved them. **This love** was to regard with strong affection. **This love** in regard to service was to serve with fidelity. **This love** shows and expresses good will and benevolence. With **this love** we are to fill our hands! **This love** we express.

 In verse 35 we are told by Christ about the love we are to have one to another**. This love** we are to possess. **This love** is the love of Christ. **This love** is derived from God. **This love** is also seen as the love we have for Christ and our Holy Father.

 The way to tell a follower of Christ is this: the follower is full of the love of Christ, a respectful, benevolent, Godly love that is far different from any love the world might recognize as its own. The believer in Jesus is not full of greed and possessed with all sorts of immoral desires but rather has his heart filled with love from above that is also focused on pleasing God and from the heart he reaches out to help others. All men can readily tell this is different from the norm.

 The love of Christ that fills the followers heart is not only a sign to other men that you are a follower of Christ but also is proof to the believer that his heart is soundly connected to the heart of God. It is a sign to all men. It tells me that I am following Jesus and it tells others that I am one of His.

Oh Believer, think of this we possess the most valuable possession man will ever hold in his heart; The Love of God! Do not forget that this same love we possess we also express to our God by loving and serving our fellow man. Hold on to this Telling Characteristic of Jesus!

Yours in Christ,

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