

THE NEW COMMANDMENT that shattered the HATRED

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GREETINGS:

I trust that all of you are blessed and that you are well rested and ready to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. Welcome to this broadcast of Dynamic Love Ministries web church. We are about to just go right into John. Today I am going to talk about a wonderful passage in John and I'm going to teach you that you cannot be saved by how much you love your neighbor. Some might say, "Glory to God!"

Well, that is the truth. You cannot be saved by how much you love your neighbor. Neither can your neighbor save you. You need to understand that. Salvation is only by Jesus Christ. It's by grace through faith. That is how we receive salvation. Loving our neighbor is a result of the Gospel and something that comes forth in our lives on account of the goodness of God. It's not about your own works.

We've looked at the Bible and the love for our neighbor has been a big thing in the back of our minds and I think a lot of us were condemned in our minds. I mean, "Did you love your neighbor enough? Are you good enough to your neighbor and so forth." We are going into a kind of detail about that and I am going to explain to you what the passage means that says we should love one another.

PRAYER:

Father, I want to thank You for Your love and Your grace. I want to thank You that You speak powerfully through me today and everybody that hears this message will have open hearts to learn and to hear. Thank You, Lord, that my heart can be open today for You to show me the dimensions of Your love. Thank You that You anoint my mind, my speech, with Your goodness and that everyone will just be blessed that we can just say, "Glory to God, for what You have done in Jesus Christ." Amen

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

John 13:34 is able loving your neighbor, loving other people. ***A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.***

When we read that passage it sounds great that a new commandment is given to us now in the light of Jesus' death and resurrection and grace as a free gift and the love that God has for us. This comes, basically as, "Well, okay, now I need to love my neighbor. Everything was going well and now this new commandment where I must now go and love on people.

I just had salvation for free by Jesus Christ. I am just saved by grace and all of a sudden, this commandment slipped in here and that we now must, basically, go and love one another. The way wherein we must love one another is that we need to lay down our life for one another as Jesus also laid down His life for us and that is basically what we need to do and that is difficult! Laying down your life for your brethren as Jesus laid down His life for us.

Let us read that again.

A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; as I have loved you...

My goodness! I mean, you might think it was all good and great in the Old Testament with the Ten Commandments because this is now a new commandment and I need to love my neighbor as Jesus has loved us. You might say, "Now, I tell you that I don't feel in the mood to die for somebody right now!" Just plain honest. This just comes to my mind now: Imagine you now loving your neighbor. You need to lay down your life. You are very serious about voting and you are against abortion and all those things and you need to lay down your life for Joe Biden. I mean to be willing to die...

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you." How did Jesus love us? He was willing to die, be buried and be raised! I mean, that doesn't sound like good news. Just give me the Gospel of Grace. Please help me, Lord!

That is how many of us feel. Maybe you may not confess to that but alone in your home you might say, "Well, that is how I feel." But you are not going to say that to many people but that might be the feeling that you have in your heart.

Now I have good news for you! You are not saved by how much you love people. A sign of your salvation, that you've already received salvation, is that you will love people. It's not the other way around.

Under the Old Testament, we had Ten Commandments and they were basically to believe in God and then act well towards your neighbor. That is what it was and under the Old we could get some right. But this commandment sounds really bad. I mean this is the way we looked at these things. There was an old commandment, the Ten Commandments. You can go and read in Exodus 20 and how it works and under that, some could be done. I mean, some of the Ten Commandments I can do. I don't murder. I don't steal from people. I don't commit adultery. So, if you just look at those ones, I believe in God. I have no false gods. I don't worship some idol. And that is what they would understand under that back then. So, some of it can be done but that is like some can't be done. So, you are still disqualified but at least you have some points. It's not a zero out of ten. You can at least get a two, a twenty percent. That is the Ten Commandments but then we find the summary of the Law which is to love the Lord, your God, and your neighbor as yourself.

Now loving your neighbor as yourself... now I can maybe “love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your mind....” I’m already heading towards a zero, man, to really getting that right. And now the Good News! There is a new commandment! We had the ten, we had the two, but now there is a new one. This new one is that you love one another as Jesus loved us. How did He love us? He was willing to die for us. He was willing to be beaten for us. He was willing to be whipped. He was carrying our sins. He was suffering for us. We must be willing to lay down our lives for one another. I mean the Bible already says, “Husband, lay down your life for your wife. Husbands, love your wife as Christ loved the church in laying down His life for them, for the church. Now, husband love your wife. I already sit with my wife struggling to lay down my life. Now... the neighbor!

I mean if the neighbor is my brother it’s okay but sometimes, we’ve got some serious neighbors! What if your neighbor is a Democrat, or the other way around, what if your neighbor is a Republican? Or even worse, what if he is a non-voter, doesn’t believe in voting. Or what if he is a vegan? My goodness! I need to lay down my life for my neighbor... I don’t know about that! Jesus, let me just skip **John 13** because, ***By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.***

Wherein I love the other the way Jesus loved me... “Well, I’m not ever going to be seen as a disciple of Jesus.” That’s how some might feel when you read this passage. But I’ve got good news for you. This passage has much more to do with Jewish racism and the context of the Greeks getting saved and coming to Jesus and God opening salvation to all groups of people than what it has to do with all the things that I have just mentioned. By this, I just want to say that I am not saying that we should not love our neighbor and I am not saying that we won’t have love for each other. I’m not saying that we will not be generous. I’m not saying that there will not be great acts of kindness and care for the widow, the fatherless, the poor, and for our brethren. The Bible says that is the fruit of the Spirit. But what I am talking about is a new command... and you know the way we talk about commandments is something you need to do in order to get something else. That’s a commandment. Commandment is if you should do it, you’ll be blessed. Should you not do it you will be cursed. So, we find the Ten Commandments and then we find the two commandments and now we find this commandment and we connect it to a commandment with blessings and curses. So, what now? I mean, what is your subconscious going to say? What is your inner man going to say if you hear that you need to love one another as Jesus loved you, and you know that you are not getting it right?

You’ve got business decisions to take. You need to fire somebody and now this verse comes to your mind. You can’t even do business anymore. You can’t fire anybody. You need to lay down your life. You lay down your life into bankruptcy. You don’t know how to live... and that is if you take this out of context!

Now I want to just quickly let us get to explaining this first. When we look at **John 13**, we need to look at it in the context of what John is trying to communicate. The true context of this starts in chapter 12. There was the triumphant entry and after the triumphant entry where he basically says, “Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!” Jesus is kind of hailed as, “This is the One and prophecies are being fulfilled.”

Then the next thing happened. At this triumphant entry, **John 12:20 And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast:**

So, there were Greeks there and the focus in John here is Greeks. They would come to the feast and they would basically just desire the Messiah of the Jews.

:21 The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus (We want to meet Jesus.).

:22 Philip comes and told Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

This is what happened. Some Greek people come at the triumphant entry, “Can we please speak to Jesus?” These Jews didn’t have dealings with people of other races. You can switch this off if you like, but you have to face the truth. The Jews were some serious, serious, racists! They thought that God was only for them! When a Greek wants to speak to Jesus, they come and they spoke to Philip. They look at who looks the friendliest here and they speak to him. After that, he doesn’t go to Jesus as if it is normal. No, no, he first goes to Andrew. “You know what? These guys want to speak to Jesus, “We don’t know if we cannot allow it.” It’s almost like the children that came... and we can’t let children come to Jesus! No, no! “What about these folks?” “No, no, we are not going to do that!”

But then they felt, “Let us go and tell Jesus.” And listen to what Jesus says. It’s amazing! And this is what John tried to say:

:23 And Jesus answered them, saying (He doesn’t even say, “Bring them here.” He said) **The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.**

Remember what the scripture says, “If I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto Me.” I believe, “lifted up” means that upon the cross, signifying what kind of death He would die, including His resurrection, because “Then I will draw all unto Me.” The judgment of all people as well as He will draw both Jew and Gentile unto the resurrected Jesus as the Source of life for them.

... The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say to you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone: but if it die, it brings forth much fruit.

25 He that loves his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor.

So, what is Jesus saying here? He is saying, “Listen. Greek people are coming to Me. Let Me just tell you Jews something quickly here. Unless I die and I’m glorified, I will remain alone. But I’m going to die and I’m going to be raised and I will bear much fruit. He who loves his life will lose it.” He is referring to the Jews.

He's basically saying, and we're going to get into that, is, "If you love your life as a Jew and you want to remain a Jew and you don't want to let down, "I'm saved by my flesh as a Jew", where you are saying, "I want the fruit that comes from the resurrection of Jesus", you will lose your life. But if you are willing to lay down your life, you are willing to say, "Well, I see now! Jesus was raised from the dead and salvation is through the resurrected Christ to whosoever the Father brings to Him, be the Jew or Gentile, it is not a Jewish thing anymore with laws and all those kinds of things. But it is through faith in Christ alone!" And if you hate your life in the flesh, in other words, when you come and say, "I hate this life where we Jews are separate from the rest and where it is about legalism and law and confidence in the flesh and all that, I hate that life! I don't want a life defined by the flesh. I don't want the life defined by ethnicity. I want the life defined by the resurrected Jesus!" That person's life with then be kept forever.

John 12: 26 If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: Now this is very important. He says that He is going to a certain place but where He is going, "If you follow Me, If you obey Me, If you listen to Me, where I am going, you also will be." **16:33**

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you (In other words, the context is now, "You are following Me, you are listening to Me, I am giving you a new commandment ." It was already telling them, "Listen, if you love your own life and you don't want to lay down this old thing, the Greeks are coming in now. You need to realize that. I am being resurrected here and things are going to change. I am going away. You have to believe upon Me." That is what is taking place here.), **That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.**

Listen to this: **John 13:**

31 Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.

32 If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in (with) himself, and shall straightway glorify him.

What He is basically saying is, "Jesus, in His willingness to lay down His life, to enter into death." This was just now with Judas denying Him, betraying Him, and He took the bread, dipped it in the oil, gave it to Judas. Judas' heart was filled with Satan. Remember, Jesus did all these things. This thing took place there. Judas went and Jesus was willing and He said, "Go and do what you must do." What He is saying is, "I am willing to lay down My life." He says, "In the willingness of Me to die and take your sin and heal you from that, enter into your death, the Father is glorified." What He means by that is God is seen as a good Father because He sent Me and now the view about who God is in sending Me is going to be a great view about the Father and He is glorified in My action."

Then He says, "If God be glorified in the Son, God shall also glorify the Son with Himself." That means, **John 17**, where He prays, "Glorify Me with Yourself with the glory I had before the time." So, He says, "If I go and die, the Father will raise Me from the dead! And He will straight way He will raise Me." That means, "I will not see decay. My body will not rot in the grave. Before that has happened, I shall be raised."

33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Where I go, you cannot come; so now I say to you.

34 A new commandment I give unto you, So, all of the new commandments have everything to do with Jesus dying and being bodily glorified. Then from chapter 12, He is saying that those who follow Me will be where I am, but now you cannot go. So, you need to continue to follow Me. You need to continue to obey My commandment".

And then He says here: **A new commandment I give to you, That you love one another** (Thayer says that word, "that", is causative: so that you can love one another. He is saying, "I am bringing something new that will end the division between Jew and Gentile. And should this new can come which is the death and the resurrection of Jesus and salvation for both Jew and Gentile, is not in your flesh anymore but only in the resurrected Christ, then the enmity between Jew and Gentile will be ended." That is what the Bible says: The enmity, the law and commandments, is ended in the death and the resurrection of Jesus. So, a new commandment... this is what you used to obey ... the laws. You used to do all those things but I am giving you a New Commandment now and this commandment will end enmity between Jew and Gentile. This is what this is all about); **as I have loved you, that you also love one another.**

"Bertie, I'm not so sure." Well, let's see if you can lay down your life the way Jesus laid down His life being crucified and all those things. I mean, if that is what Jesus had meant, if loving your neighbor is a commandment that we have to obey in order to be saved, why give Jesus? Because already in the Old, **Deuteronomy 19**, it says, the express words just like this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." It's already there. How can, "Love your neighbor as yourself", if it is already a commandment in Deuteronomy 19 be a **new** commandment? It is impossible! It was given long before Jesus already, "Love your neighbor as yourself"... that you love one another! It was already a commandment of the law. So how is it a new commandment?

The new commandment is something else. The new commandment is that which will enable you to love one another... which means to end the enmity between Jew and Gentile, where we will be seen as one.

Remember, **John 13:34** Jesus said, **A new commandment I give you**. What is this new commandment? **1John 3:23 And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment.**

So, what is the commandment that God has given? The commandment that Jesus gives, the new commandment, was, "Now, you believe in Me. You believed in God but now I want you to believe in Me for where I am, you will also be, maybe not now but I go to My Father to prepare a place for you. And when I prepare a place for you, I will come back and I will take you to where I am." It doesn't talk about leaving the earth. Jesus went into immortal, bodily glorification, where He was glorified, bodily, with the fullness of God.

Then He said, "Right now, you cannot go there. But all you have to do is to continue to believe on Me. As you continue to believe on Me (John 14 is all about that and John 15: "Without Me you can do nothing. But, if you abide in Me, you will bear much fruit.)

How do you abide in Him? You continue to believe in Him. What is Jesus' commandment? It is, "Abide in Me. Believe in Me. Believe that I died, that I died for both Jew and Gentile. Believe that I was raised from the dead and that eternal life is for whosoever the Father gives Me to raise up in the last day."

So, the New Commandment is to believe in the name of His Son, Jesus the Christ, and to love as we believe in the name of the Son. How do you love as you believe in the name of Jesus? When you believe that Jesus is Lord, the Christ, the Lord Jesus Christ. That would mean, Lord means ruler over Gentiles, Jesus, Savior, Christ means the Messiah of the Jews. So, the ruler over the Gentiles, the Messiah of the Jews, which is the Savior, the Ruler over all, the Savior. That's what it means. He who believes in that name and loves one another as He believes in that name, meaning that they acknowledge that Jesus is not only the Messiah of the Jews but also for the Gentiles. That is what it would have meant to love one another as Jesus has loved. How did Jesus love?

I'm thinking of the passage where it says that He didn't count it robbery although He knew He was equal with God, to lay down His life. **Philippians 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:**

That is also what it said in **John 13:3 Jesus knowing that** (He comes from the Father) **the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;** And knowing that He's returning to the Father, took a towel and served the disciples. It means that Jesus, knowing that eternal life belongs to Him, was then giving it, serving, His people with it, those that God has given Him. God gave Him disciples and those that God had given Him, He serves with this message.

Church, what Jesus is actually saying here that He is warning the disciples. He's saying. "Listen man, I want to warn you Jews now. I am bringing the Gentiles in. The Father is giving the Gentiles as well. And as I have washed your feet (John 13), I want you to serve them as well." Peter said, "Wash my whole body!" Jesus said, "You are already clean by the fact that the Father has given you to Me." That would mean that the Gentiles are already cleansed. Don't call unclean what God has called clean! They are already cleansed but their feet need washing which means, "Serve them with a message of God's grace." That is what it is all about. **You love your neighbor by telling him the Gospel!**

You love one another by not excluding any race from salvation! That is what that passage is all about!

It is not a message wherein we have to get into all of our definitions of love that we feel. “Yeah, you know, he didn’t love me because he was rude. And now I am going to cry because someone was rude to me!” Get over yourself! The love here has nothing to do with not speaking truth or not being bold, or standing for what you believe in as pertaining to the Gospel. It has nothing to do with that. It is not written so that the Church would forever feel guilty! This is something that is founded in race. It’s founded in more than race, ethnic groups. It’s founded in Jew/Gentile. That’s what it is about because John 12 is found in Greeks coming and then He talks about glorification. Then He goes on and He talks about glorification again. Then He says, “You need to love all people” because the context is, “The Greeks are coming in and I have given a new commandment and this commandment is that I, by My resurrection, draw all men to Me and I want you then, from that truth, to be empowered to not exclude the Gentiles of the salvation plan.” That’s what that verse means. Hallelujah!

Context means something! I heard N.T. Wright say this and I like what he says. He says, “Teach your kids the Bible while they are young and learn the Bible while you are young because when you become old, you struggle to remember the scriptures. You struggle to remember the stories and the contexts. So, do it while they are young. I heard him say that and I’ve just decided that I am going to get that to my kids. So, whenever you have kids, this is what you are going to do and that’s what I’ve done with my children: Man, I indoctrinated them. Hallelujah!

Some might say, “You are a crazy man!” That’s what I did. They thought that a nice movie is to watch, “*The Robe*”. Good! I can draw on anything in the gospels. They have seen it, in the movie about Jesus, about 400 times. That’s good! Hallelujah! They know about Abraham. They know about Moses. If you have kids, get the Gospel to them from when they are small. Make it part of your life to watch “*The Jesus Film*”. We had *the Gospel According to Matthew*. You can find it on YouTube. They would just watch it and watch it and watch it. And as you see all of these things, when you talk to them about it, it is so imprinted into their minds. It’s so great! And then you find context, to what is said there, brings such liberation. Doesn’t it bring liberation when you see the context of John here, that you need to love one another? A new commandment that I give to you which is to believe upon Me.

In the last part of this message I want to explain to you the commandment that was given to Jesus, because Jesus also received a commandment. Well, glory to God that Jesus has a commandment. We know that He is going to obey that commandment and if that commandment includes saving me, I’m going to make it if He keeps it. Hallelujah! I would rather live by the obedience of Jesus than my obedience to the law. Rather, live by the obedience of Jesus, my friend.

John 6: 28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? In other words, God has a work and to work what God is working... that's what they are talking about. "What must we do to get what God is doing to manifest?" That is what they are basically saying.

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God (This is what God is busy with and this is what He is busy doing, through Me and what He is trying to get you to do.), **that you believe on him whom He has sent.** That is the work of God.

So, the work that God works in the world is to get people to believe on Jesus. So, the Father is trying to convince people, and working in the hearts of people, all the time. He's prodding them in the heart so they would believe on Jesus. That's the work of the Father. Once you've believed on Jesus, you've worked the work that God is working. Amen

"But Bertie, that sounds easy. That sounds possible to do. I start to feel a little bit better about myself and I feel as if I can be saved!" Hallelujah! I told you that this is going to be Good News!

Listen to what Jesus comes to do: If Jesus came to do something, it means that He has received commandment of the Father to do it. So, what has He come to do?

John 6:

38 For I came down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him that sent me.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me (The Father gave Jesus the commandment, "Go and do something." What did the Father tell Him to go and do?), **that of all which he has given me I should lose none, but should raise it up again at the last day.**

He is saying, "All that is given to Him, that none of them would have eternal death but that they would be bodily raised from the dead in the last day." That is the will of Jesus. That is the will of the Father. That's the commandment. So, the Father gave the commandment to Jesus and said, "I'm going to give you people. People are going to start to believe in You. It will be because of Me that has drawn them to You. Those that respond to the inner voice that I speak to them, will come to You and Your job is to conquer physical death for them and give the assurance that they will be bodily raised from the dead. That's it. So, I'll bring them to trust You to do that for them. But that is what You must come and do.

39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he has given me I should lose none, but should raise it up again at the last day.

40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that everyone which sees the Son, and believes on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up in the last day. Hallelujah!

So, what is the scripture saying here? The scripture is saying, and Jesus puts the emphasis there on **everyone**. This is also John. He puts the emphasis on everyone. Then you find John telling stories and then all of a sudden **John 12**, the Greeks come and they want to meet with Jesus. All of a sudden, we now find bodily resurrection language. All of a sudden, we find the glorification of man.

We find this very powerful scriptures from **John 13, 14**, onwards: "I'm going to my Father and I will bring you later. Stay in Me and fruit will come forth in you." **John 17**: "Father, I say not to take them out of the world but to protect them. I want them to be glorified. I want them to know bodily immortality. All those things... beautiful! Absolutely beautiful! But the change comes when the Greeks come and the focus is ALL that is given... All!

So, if Jews come and they believe, what is Jesus' command? His command is, "Give them eternal life." If Gentiles come, what was the commandment to Jesus? "Give them eternal life." If they come to Jesus, what must they receive from Jesus? Eternal life! So, what does Jesus tell them? He tells them, "Trust Me. I'll give it to all that believe upon Me!" And He says, "This commandment to trust Me, which is to believe that I have conquered death, and since both Jew and Gentile is dying, will put you in a place that you can love all people and this is what I want you to do, not to exclude anybody. And My death on the cross, ending the enmity between Jew and Gentile, and My resurrection, who is for whosoever believes." John is heavy on this!

Listen to this Jew/Gentile message:

John 1:

10 He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not.

11 He came unto his own (talking about the Jews), **and his own received him not.**

12 But as many as received him (Now He is referring to Gentiles here... as many as could receive Him. So, who would receive Jesus? Those the Father sent to Jesus and that was of Jew and Gentile. And the commandment is this: "I will raise you up in the last day. Trust Me!" This is the commandment: to believe on Him whom God has sent. The work of the Father is that you believe in Jesus. So, what is the commandment of the Father to you? It is to believe on Jesus. This commandment is given to you so that we, now, cannot see a division anymore between Jew and Gentile, but that the enmity between Jew and Gentile can end now so that we can live in love towards one another.

I tell you that you cannot imagine the hatred there was between Jews and the Samaritans. When the Jews would touch Gentiles, they would go and wash themselves! Imagine that! Now, that's all over, which means that it's over with that. It was all over everybody but now it is over in that Jesus has come to end that. Glory to God!

John 13:34 A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; as I have loved you...

Now, love between people... how does that happen? We find that in Galatians chapter 5. Once you have believed on Jesus in His resurrection... Gentiles have believed on Jesus and His resurrection. They received the Spirit. We receive the Spirit. We know that we are not saved by our flesh. The Jew/Gentile thing has ended. It is now all about Jesus and what He has done. Glory to God! We find that hatred between the groups will start to end because they know it is not about the flesh anymore. It's about life.

I'm going to say something very radical now. Do with it whatever you like. I would like for you to believe it and be set free. Sadly, the Church is reinstating the racism and the system that produced racism where we define people according to the flesh. In the times where Jesus, and through the writings of John, and through His own words, was ending this whole system warning the Jews: "Listen man, this thing about flesh is over!" But the Church now is all about the Jews and Israel.

Now, I don't want to get into the political thing about Israel, and the nation Israel and all of that. Do whatever you think but, don't do that and try and protect Israel as a nation because of a doctrine that says that God is honoring flesh. You are reinstating what Jesus has already ended and you will breed racism and hatred between people. The reason why the Church does that is because they have not believed the Gospel. That's the problem. They have not believed the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I am not saying that land should not be given up. I don't want to get into the political thing. Hear me! What I'm saying is if you drive your political thing because if you drive this whole thing, your political motives is driven from the Bible in God honoring that nation. And if I don't honor the Jews, then I will be cursed because He said to Abraham, "Blessed are those who bless you." and those kinds of things. You are in error. You need a public rebuke, man! You need to be corrected! You need to get out of that whole thing! You are breeding racism! You are continuing with racism. That is what you are busy with and you need to stop that!

I am not saying that one should not do business with Israel, the nation there and that country, whosoever lives there and are in that country. I mean, if there are people there who don't believe in God, if a South African goes there and becomes part of the nation and he becomes an Israelite because he immigrated and is now living there, if that is possible, if that could be the case and they are now an Israelite because they live in that country. It is like an American can come to South Africa and you want to say, 'Let us do business with them. Let us not have people just kill a nation and we protect them.' I've got no issue with that. The issue is the flesh. That's the issue and the Church needs to repent of that message!

What I am not saying is anti-Semitic! It is protecting the Jew because racism will grow in people's hearts. Hatred will grow in people's hearts. People will always believe that God is the God of the Jews and those are the special people and the flesh would be focused on. Then the Gentiles will focus on the flesh and you are not loving people! "A new commandment I have given to you that will enable you to love all people which would mean that the Gospel is for all."

Since there is not more Jew, no more Gentile, the enmity which brings hostility between these groups of people will now be ended should you believe in the resurrection of Jesus. Should you believe that it is about bodily glorification, should you believe that it is about the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ, should you believe that this is for all people the Father has given to Jesus, and that is all the same calling no one unclean, you will come to a place where you say, "Glory to God!" We can now at least get free from what brought the greatest division in the history of human kind, declared by Paul, the enmity contained in ordinances... the law of commandments nailed to the cross. He made of the two, Jew and Gentile, one new man. If Jesus makes of the two, one new man, who do you think you are to separate it! By what authority? You need authority greater than God's. "But, Bertie, this is now not fun anymore. The message in the beginning was very nice but now it's becoming too much and I can't handle this."

A new commandment is given to us that will enable us to love one another AS He has loved us. He laid down His life. His new commandment will make me lay down, if I am Jew or Gentile and this message should be in the Church! This is the message the Church is built on, yet, we've made too much of this whole thing. Yes, protect Israel. Protect anybody. But, to do it because they are the special people of God and if you don't do it to them, then God is going to curse you! So, you want to tell me that we should feel different about Israel than North Korea? Is that what you want to tell me? You want to tell me that the Jews are more valuable in protecting, in helping, than North Koreans? If that is what you are telling me, you need to go and study your doctrine again. You need to go and study the Gospel because you are preaching partiality and you are not understanding the love of God. That is it! I hear it is getting awfully quiet in the Church today, right now in this message. But, think about it, friends. Think about that.

1John 5:1 Whosoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loves him that begat (who loves God. Who gives birth to people when they have believed on Jesus) **loves him also that is begotten of him** (who has been born of Him).

So, God gives birth to people. These people that God gives birth to, from Jew or Gentile, we accept all of them in our mind, into the very same circle, there is no difference. Whatsoever... No difference whatsoever! If you want to drive the Israel thing from a Biblical perspective you have to say, "Whosoever is born of God is a son of God because God says, "Israel is My son." That the land Israel belongs to all born again people. That is what you have to do if you want to drive it from a Bible perspective. Other than that, just drive it from a political perspective. I would drive it just from a political perspective if I was you and not from a Bible perspective.

If you want to do it from a Bible perspective, you're going to find yourself trapped in the law, trapped in racism, trapped in hatred and you will not know why you cannot be free. You will not know why you hate black people. You will not know why you hate white people. You will not know why. The reason is because at the very core, you are found in racism. You have not accepted the love of God.

John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

If you've believed on Jesus, you shall be saved and whosoever has believed on Jesus has been begotten of God. And who is begotten of God, loves what is begotten of God. Hallelujah! We are not excluding anybody from salvation because of him not being a Jew or a Gentile! That was what that passage means. Glory to God!

If there is somebody that you feel you need to help, help the person. It is God's voice to you. If you see your neighbor struggling and he needs help, help the man! Be good to the man as the love of God dwells in your heart. And if you have not obeyed the Lord in what He has told you, obviously you are going to feel, "Man, I have not obeyed God in that sense and I should have done that." What you do is you go to God, speak to Him and have that sorted out. Let Him empower you.

It happened to me when I felt that I needed to do something for somebody, I don't do it and then I feel, afterwards, "Lord, I should have done that." Then I don't go and throw myself down into guilt. I just say, "Father, I thank You that You just empower me more because I want to obey." That is my heart and I then find, more and more, my life getting in line with that unction that He puts in my heart. If you feel in your heart that you need to pay for somebody's school, do that. If you feel in your heart to buy somebody a car, do it. It is God empowering you. If you feel to support a ministry, do it. If you feel to go and help at an old age home, do it. Whatever you feel in your heart, from the love that is in your heart, just do that. That is it. Living that love. That is a fruit of the Spirit that will be in your heart. And if you not do it, come boldly to the throne of grace to receive help. Don't throw yourself into sackcloth and ashes, feeling guilty and all those kinds of things. Don't do that. It will destroy you. It is not what God's plan was for you. God is powerful enough to bear fruit in you. Just come to Him. He will bear the fruit in you. No more guilt for you. You don't have to walk in guilt all the time.

The Bible says, if you ever read that passage again, ***John 13:34 "A new commandment I give unto you..."*** You read it his way: God has now given something new to us and that is to believe upon Jesus Christ and from there He wants us not to exclude anybody into this salvation plan. We will then see the life that is born between each other, from that reality. That is what that passage means. Glory to God.

I end by reading this again: **1John 5:1 *Everybody who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God: and every one who loves him who begets also loves him who has been born of him.*** This is John saying the same thing again.

John was writing to Jews here in John: You cannot say, "I am a Christian" but I hate the Gentile Christian with the same foundation of which there was separation, that was before Jesus came, with to the old Jewish system. Church, let us see this. Let us believe this. The correction about Israel and the Jews and the nation... Let me say again that I am not anti-Semitic. I love the Jew. I love him so much that I will speak the truth to him that he can believe upon Jesus and be saved! Hallelujah!

Let the Jews be saved by hearing the Gospel... the radical Gospel that saved them after the crucifixion where Peter went and said, "You crucified Him!" When he preached that, who got saved? 3,000 Jews got saved and then after they received salvation, we find here from chapters 9, 10, 11 hints of it there in Acts, we find that, all of a sudden, what God has now called pure, don't call impure anymore. And all of a sudden, that's now linked to the Gentiles. They're not impure anymore. That means, God was saying to Peter, "They, as pertaining to 'nation', are as pure as you are. There's no difference. So, let us not use an Old Testament narrative to drive political agendas. Let's just keep it to politics and not make doctrine out of that because that hurts the Church! It hurts the Jews. It hurts people!

You are loved by God! Glory to God. Thank you so much that I could serve you with this message today. I trust that this has been thought provoking and also getting guilt off your heart and mind when it comes to loving your neighbor.

The New Commandment is to simply to believe on Jesus and love as He gave commandment, or have the result of that in you as He gave commandment. God bless...