

got unity?



## “got unity? – Love’s Aroma”

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John 15:12-17

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**Question: What is your Aroma? What is your Signature Scent? Do you emanate Christ love to one another?**

### New Commandment? “As I”

Jesus is repeating John 13:34 “The New Commandment” emphasizing its importance!

**John 15:12** *This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

**John 13:34-35** *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**. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

*Having Love for one Another is EVIDENCE that you are his!*

**Matthew 22:34-40** - What is the greatest commandment?

- #1 - love God
- #2 - love neighbor

### How has he Loved Us? The “Know”

**Agape Love:** does not depend on the recipient's actions, behaviors, or worthiness. It is given freely, without conditions or expectations.

We can't earn this love....It's Free!

**John 15:13** *Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.*

*This is not a Marvel Universe Sacrifice! Jesus vs. Iron Man*

**1 John 4:7-12** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. 8 Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. 9 In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. 12 No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

## How do we Experience his Love?

So we KNOW “that he Loved Us”...is knowing enough?

**Romans 5:5-8** and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Romans 8:9** You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

**2 Thessalonians 3:5** May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

### 1 Corinthians 13 – What is Love’s Scent?

- 1-3: *If I “speak in the tongues of men & angels, have prophetic powers, understand all mysteries and knowledge & have mountain moving faith... BUT have not Love.... Then I am Nothing!”*
- 4-7: Love is patient/kind, does not envy/boast/insist on its own way/rejoice at wrongdoing, is not arrogant/rude/irritable/resentful

**Ephesians 5:1-2** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

“The rejoicing in my heart is not what I do for the Lord but rather what he has already done for me. Any continues to do in me and for me, day after day”. **A.W Carson**, “No Greater Love” - Chapter 3 Christ’s Unconditional Love



