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A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:34-35

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The mission and will of God as regards the church is to have for Himself a church that loves one another, which points to the love Jesus has for it.



The mission of the church is to love one another as Jesus has loved us.

Because Jesus has loved us;
In the way that Jesus has loved us.

Jesus is both the reason and the mechanism for the mission.

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Being this kind of church that fulfils its mission, which has the love for one another that I have for you

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All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them.

Acts 4:32-34a

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But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

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“It is not so much the case that God has a mission for His church in the world, as that God has a church for His mission in the world.”

Christopher JH Wright

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- Do you see how much I love you?
- Are you willing to love each other the way I do?

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