

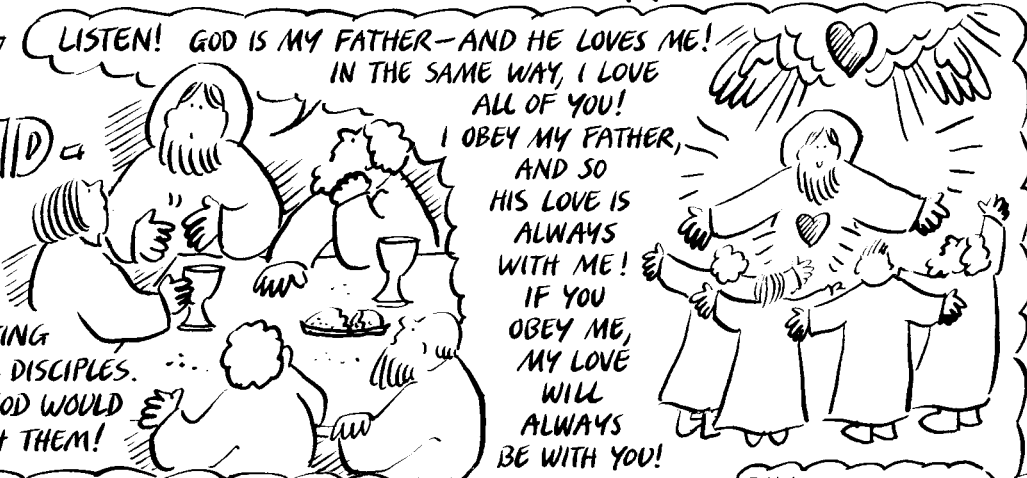
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On the night before he died, Jesus told his friends about the new life and glory that God was going to give him after he died and rose again. He told them that they could share his new life and glory, and become like him, and belong to God in the same way as he did. He told them what they needed to do to make this happen.

A NEW COMMANDMENT

John 15:9-17

JESUS WAS CELEBRATING THE PASSOVER WITH HIS DISCIPLES. HE TOLD THEM THAT GOD WOULD SHARE HIS GLORY WITH THEM!



LISTEN! GOD IS MY FATHER—AND HE LOVES ME! IN THE SAME WAY, I LOVE ALL OF YOU! I OBEY MY FATHER, AND SO HIS LOVE IS ALWAYS WITH ME! IF YOU OBEY ME, MY LOVE WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU!

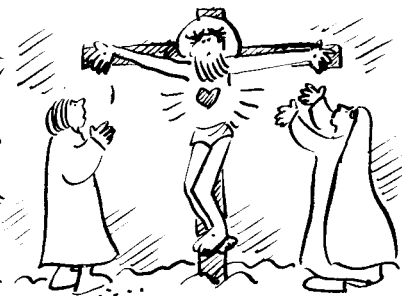
THIS IS MY COMMANDMENT TO YOU: LOVE EACH OTHER, AS I HAVE LOVED YOU!

HERE—TAKE THIS TO THE BIG HOUSE BY THE RIVER!

(I WONDER WHAT'S IN IT!)

THAT WAS THE SILK THAT I'M SENDING TO DAMASCUS!

YOU ARE MY FRIENDS! KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS, AND YOU WILL SHARE MY LOVE AND JOY!



I WON'T CALL YOU MY "SERVANTS" ANY MORE! I WILL CALL YOU MY "FRIENDS"!



YES SIR

A SERVANT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT THE MASTER IS DOING... BUT A FRIEND DOES!

THIS IS THE GREATEST LOVE THAT ANYONE CAN HAVE: (JOHN 15:13)!

Jesus wants us to be his servants, and obey him. But even more, he wants us to be his friends, and belong to him completely, and share the love that he shares with God. His new life and glory come from that love. That love is what led him to die for us. That love is what he wants us to spread, till it fills the whole world!

AGTS 10:47
(Jesus's friends begin to understand that God's love is for everyone, not just Jews)

NOW I SEE THAT GOD DOES NOT CARE WHAT RACE OR NATION PEOPLE BELONG TO! HE SENDS HIS GIFTS TO ALL PEOPLE!

PSALM 98:1,4
"Sing to the Lord a new song, for all the ends of the earth have seen his saving love"

1 JOHN 5:1,4
"If you believe Jesus is the Messiah, God makes you his child, and gives you victory"

ALLELUIA!

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