COLOSSIANS 3:14
Above all these things, put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
I JOHN 3:16

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us – so we ought lay down our lives for one another.
I. The Distinguishing Mark of a Disciple

• We know we have passed from death to life because we love one another. Whoever does not love abides in death. (I Jn 3:14)

I. The Distinguishing Mark of a Disciple (cont.)

• …love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in Heaven (Mt. 5:44-45)
I. The Distinguishing Mark of a Disciple (cont.)

• …love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then…you will be children of the Most High. (Lk 6:35)

II. Our Witness to the World

• Everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (Jn 13:35)

• …may they be completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (Jn 17:23)
III. The All-Encompassing Command

• This is my command, that you love one another. (Jn 15:12)

• This is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. (1 Jn 3:11)
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• The whole law is summed up in a single commandment: you shall love your neighbor as yourself (Gal. 5:14; cf. Mt 22:37-39; Ja 2:8; Rom 13:8, 10).

III. The All-Encompassing Command (cont.)

• …above all, clothe yourselves with love. (Col. 3:14)
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• …above all, maintain constant love for one another. (I Pet. 4:8)

III. The All-Encompassing Command (cont.)

• Be imitators of God. Live in love, as Christ loved us and gave his life for us. (Eph. 5:1-2)
III. The All-Encompassing Command (cont.)

• Do everything in love. (1 Cor. 16:14)

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• If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

IV. The All-Or-Nothing of the Kingdom (cont.)

• For in Christ Jesus…the only thing that counts is faith working through love (Gal. 5:6)