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God, through His Word tells us to love Him and to love one another; it's never a suggestion, it's a commandment. Commandments that aren't only found in the OT, and commandments that aren't done away with due to a new covenant. Being under 'grace' doesn't give anyone a free pass on obedience to this commandment. Jesus, John, and Paul, all stress the importance of love, first to God and also to one another.

This is written as a reminder and an encouragement to us all to press in to both 'will' and 'to do' of that which we're instructed to do, love one another.

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye LOVE one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34-35

commandment: "an injunction, charge, precept"; "to enjoin upon, to charge with."

love: "Love can be known only from actions it prompts." God's love is seen in the gift of His Son. (I John 4:9~ John 3:16)

"Love describes the attitude of God toward the human race, generally, and to such as believe on Jesus Christ, and His will to His children concerning their attitude one toward another."

"God's love is not due to the excellency of its objects, or worthiness. (Romans 5:8) It is an exercise of Divine Will, a deliberate choice, made without assignable cause save that which lies in the nature of God Himself." (Deuteronomy 7:7-8)

Having God's love as our example, (giving and forgiving, non-arbitrary, not based on the merit of the recipient.) and being commanded by Jesus to have this "love/actions" one for another, let us do so. (John 14:21 John 15:12 Rom. 15:2 Gal.6:10)

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