



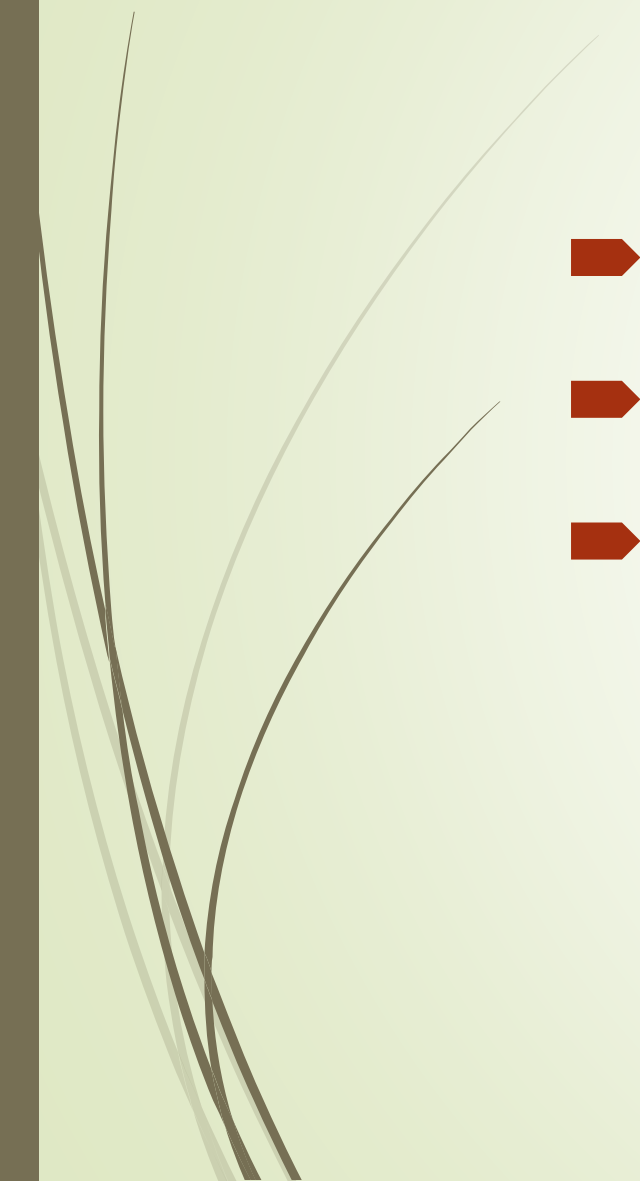
# The Ultimate Apologetic

LOVE

John 13:34-35



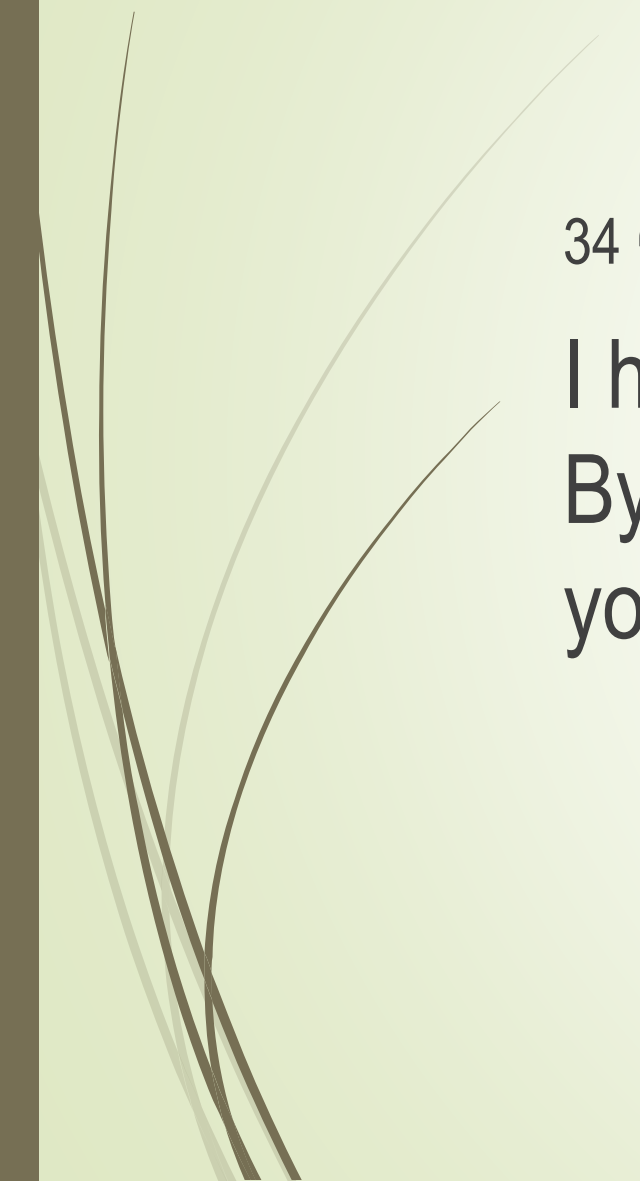
# WHAT IS THE ULTIMATE APOLOGETIC FOR CHRISTIANITY?

- The size of our churches
  - How loud our music is
  - How famous our Pastor is
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By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”





# THE URGENCY OF THE EXPECTATION

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# WHAT IS EXPECTED

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# THE PATTERN FOR FULFILLING THE EXPECTATION

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## WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

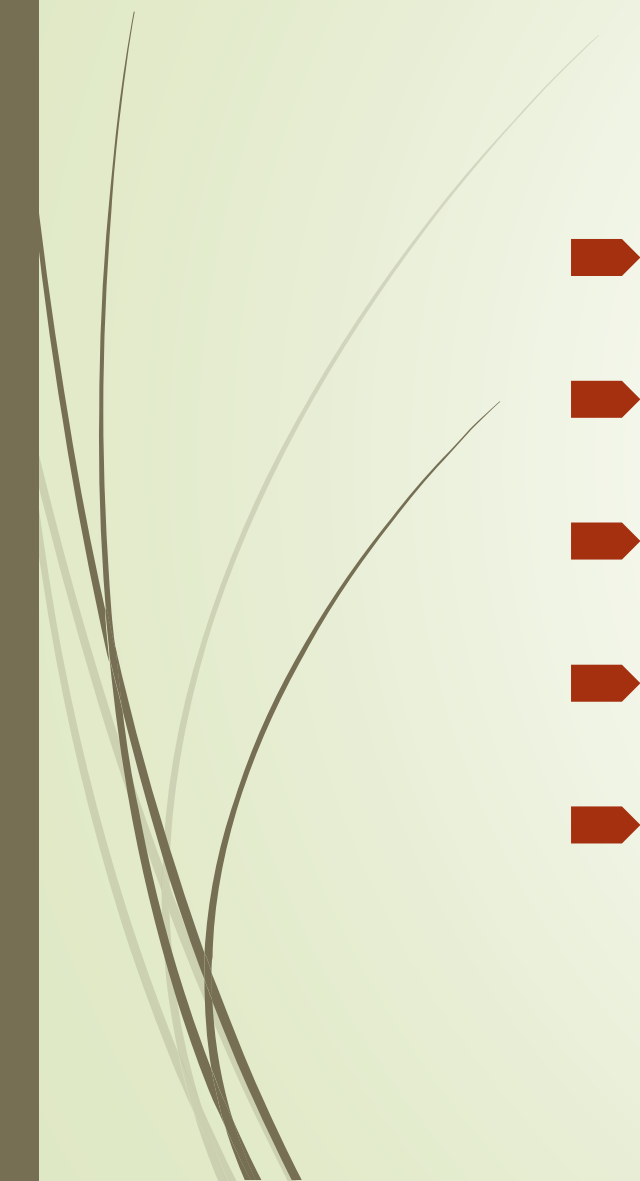
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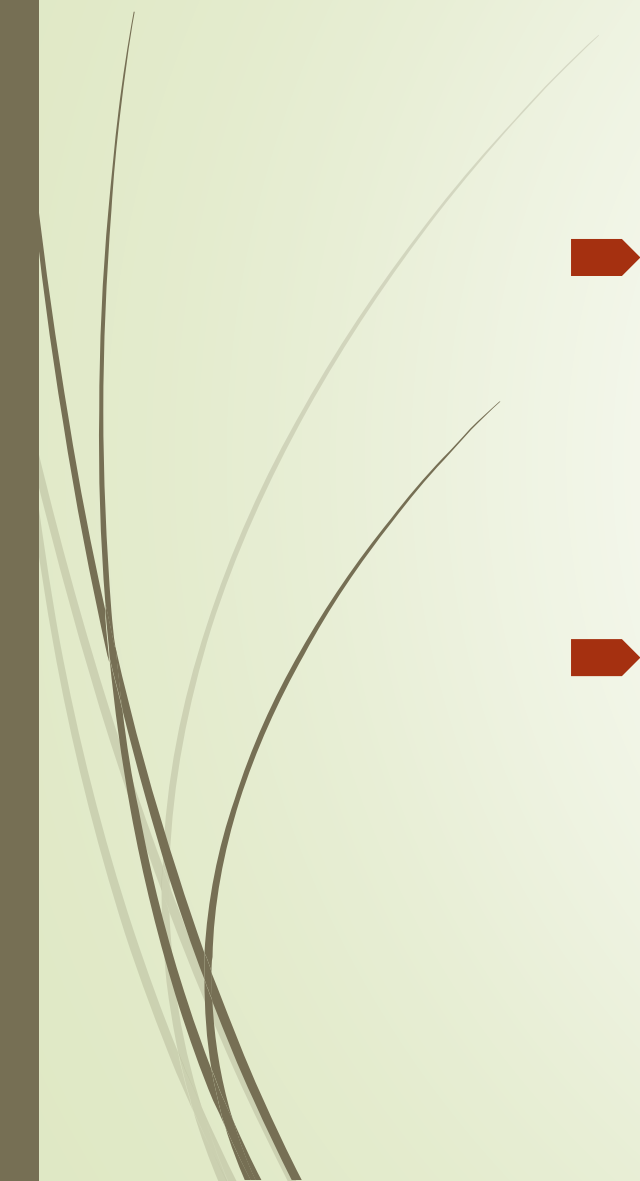


# THE WORLD HAS CHANGED – DOES THE COMMAND STILL STAND

- Industrialization
  - The automobile
  - Mass communication
  - Computers & the internet
  - Cell phones
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# THE IMPACT OF FRAGMENTATION:

- On the church
    - Dysfunction
    - Codependency
  - On our witness
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# WHAT DOES THIS LOVE LOOK LIKE?

- It looks like Christ's love for you.
  - It will reflect the "one another's" of the New Testament
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| Characteristic                     | Rank | #  | Requirement |
|------------------------------------|------|----|-------------|
| Love                               | 1    | 17 | E/S/P       |
| Encourage                          | 2    | 6  | E/P         |
| Live in harmony<br>(unity / agree) | 3/2  | 4  | E/P         |
| Greet                              | 3/2  | 4  | E/P         |
| Instruct                           | 4/3  | 3  | I/S/P       |
| Serve                              | 4/3  | 3  | P           |
| Bear with                          | 4/3  | 3  | E/P         |
| Speak the truth                    | 5/4  | 2  | E/P         |

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| Characteristic | Rank | # | Requirement |
|----------------|------|---|-------------|
| Devoted        | 5/4  | 2 | E           |
| Forgive        | 5/4  | 2 | E/S/P       |
| Submit         | 5/4  | 2 | E/S         |
| Be kind        | 1/5  | 1 | E/P         |
| Accept         | 1/5  | 1 | E/P         |
| Confess        | 1/5  | 1 | E/S/P       |
| Pray           | 1/5  | 1 | E/S         |
| Hospitality    | 1/5  | 1 | E/P         |



## SO WHAT?

- Why is our love for one another such a powerful apologetic for the Christian faith?
  - How is Christ's understanding of love different from a secular perspective?
  - Does Jesus' commandment cover the difficult people in your life? How do you deal with this?
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