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## THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

Words AND Music BY Peter Scholtes, 1938-

*"A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. All men will know that you are My disciples if you love one another." (John 13:34, 35)*

It's easy to talk sentimentally about love. It's much more difficult to apply it to needy people and situations. The Scriptures clearly teach, however, that the proof of God's presence within our lives is our willingness to share His love with humanity. The earthly badge of our heavenly citizenship is our love relationship with others.

**A life of love is a deliberate choice on our part. We must choose this lifestyle against our natural bent for self-centeredness.** Soon, with the Holy Spirit's enablement, our new life of love becomes a natural behavior. Then the emotional feelings of inner fulfillment follow. **Responding to the needs of others will never be a duty; rather it should be a privilege of normal Christian living.** Our love in action will bring joy to a brother or sister in Christ and even show nonbelievers that we are Christians not only in name but in deed as well.

- ◻ We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
- ◻ We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
- ◻ We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.
- ◻ All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: And they'll know we are Christians by our love; Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love. Amen.

**FOR TODAY:** Matthew 22:39; John 17:22; 1 Corinthians 16:14; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3:23

Look around in your church. Is there someone needing a helping hand? Does a new mother need a meal taken in or the washing done? Can you help an elderly person with some home repairs? Consider this...."And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love. Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love." AMEN.

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*"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:18 – 20*

