## NEW COVENANT CHURCH

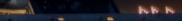
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### **Galatians 5:13**

For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."



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### We do not speak of winning as in competition with others.

We're talking about winning from the perspective of fulfilling your purpose and getting the most out of God's grace in your life. Apostle Paul said "I do not frustrate the grace of God." (Galatians 2:21)

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# There are seasons where one discovers whether liberty is understood **as having responsibility** or only **"an opportunity for the flesh,"** self-indulgence.

### **People often misunderstand the nature** of real love.

### The message of John 3:16 is that God, in his love, sent his only begotten Son to suffer and die.

True love can make you sad before it makes you happy.

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### **1 John 3:18,** My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth

2 Corinthians 2:14, Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place

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# By God's love through Christ, WEIRUNPL We triumph because we ve ELECTIVONIE CONTRACTOR

# **TRIUMPH is a celebration** of winning and victory

# The idea is , **"to cause one to triumph."** This is what God's love through Christ did for us

### **How Love Works**

### John 14:15

### If you love Me, **keep My commandments**. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will **give you another Helper,** that He may abide with you forever

### **The Power of Commandment**

DEFINED: To constitute, enjoin, appoint, charge, -send a messenger, put in order.

A command is an opportunity to engage, embraced responsibility, grow, and fulfill

purpose.

### Love Causes You and Others to Win

### 1 John 2:8 Again, a new commandment I write to you, which thing is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining. 9 He who says he is in the light, and hates his brother, is in darkness until now. 10 He who loves his brother abides in the light, and there is no cause for stumbling in him.



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### Love Causes You and Others to Win

### **1 John 2:10 NIV** Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and **there is nothing in them to make them stumble.**

### "... And there is nothing in them to make them stumble"

# Love (acts, not just feelings) keeps you in Ine EGEL

Light prevents you from stumbling and helps you prevent others from stumbling

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# **Three Levels of Love that Wins** 1. God Wins: He has a plan to save humanity after the fall of Adam. John 3:16 2. Others win The "Royal Law" James 2:8, Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

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# **Three Levels of Love that Wins 3. You win** The first person that needs to experience the winning power of love, is ourselves.

### More Than Winners Through ACTS of Love

**Romans 8:31** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

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### **More Than Winners Through ACTS of Love**

### **Romans 8:37**

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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