

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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LOVE...it is such a simple word, but it must guide everything we do. This week's gospel is simple, yet most powerful. Jesus tells us he will be with us only a little while longer and gives us the commandment to love one another as He has loved us. He further explains all will know we are his disciples if we have love for one another.

When I think about these few words from Jesus this week, I wonder if we make it easy for those around us to know we are disciples of Jesus. Do we put others before ourselves, or must our needs be met before all theirs? Do we speak kindly about others, or do we succumb to participating in criticism and gossip? Do we give to those less fortunate, or do we keep our wealth all for ourselves? Are we open to helping others when they need assistance, or do we turn away pretending we don't see? Are we willing to listen to what others have to say, or do we become angry and refuse to hear their views if they are different from ours?

The bottom line is: can God look into my life and know right away that I am his disciple?

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