



A Debt Due

ROMANS 13: 8 – 14

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Romans 13: 8 - 10

⁸ Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled *the law*. ⁹ For this, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of *the law*.

The Debt Owed. Vv. 8 – 10.

- ▶ The debt owed is love which can never be fully paid.
 - ▶ Although we are to be careful about debt, this verse does not prohibit loans.
 - ▶ No matter how much we love, the debt is never paid in full.
- ▶ Love fulfills the law (cf. Galatians 5: 14; James 2: 8).
 - ▶ Paul lists four of the ten commandments from the “second table of the Law” dealing with human relations.
 - ▶ All commands can be summed up as love all people.

Romans 13: 11 - 14

¹¹ Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. ¹² The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to *its* lusts.

Wake up. Vv. 11 -14

- ▶ Do this – love, knowing the time.
 - ▶ We live in the last age only waiting our Lord's return.
- ▶ Wake up, it's time to live out our Christianity.
 - ▶ Jesus is coming soon
 - ▶ Disrobe all garments of the darkness and night.
 - ▶ Put on the armor of light, despite the darkness.
- ▶ Common sins of the time.
 - ▶ Carousing, drunkenness, promiscuity, sensuality, strife and jealousy
- ▶ Make no provision for the flesh and lust.

Conclusion

- ▶ We owe it to all of humanity to love all with the love of Christ, a debt we can never completely pay off.
- ▶ To love with Godly love means we will fulfill the law, heart, mind, soul, and action.
- ▶ It is time for the church to wake up and live out our Christianity, taking up our armor against darkness.
- ▶ Jesus is coming soon, so live in righteousness and keep fleshly lusts in check.