

Love - Paying What We Owe

Romans 13:8-14

Preparation for our eternal home requires a continuous walk in way of love.

I. Love is something every believer owes to his neighbor:

Romans 13:8 — "Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law."

A. Definition of "Owe" –It is a metaphor for "goodwill that is due".

B. **Doctrinal Clarification:** God's love to us in offering up Christ for our forgiveness cannot be repaid in any way, for it was a gift of grace for us.

C. Application: Then who do we owe love to?

1. neighbor?
2. parents?
3. friend?
4. enemy?

II. The way of love fulfills the Ten Commandments –

Romans 13:9 ⁹For 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." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."

A. The Ten Commandments describes what Love will not do to his fellow man.

1. If we break these, we violate the law of love. - **John 13:34–35**
2. If we keep them, we are showing the minimum of love.
3. If practice them through eager and sacrificial service, then we have obeyed the law of Christ –

III. The way of love understands the urgency of the hour –

Romans 13:11 ¹¹Do 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. ¹²The night is almost gone, and the day is near..."

A. It's urgent that we be morally awake.

1. Scripture warns against being a hate-filled believer.
- **1 John 2:10–11**

B. It's urgent because salvation is at the door.

1. "salvation"- a reference to the redemption of our bodies –
Romans 8:23 (the soul has already been redeemed).
2. It urgent more so now that we can see end-time events (birth pangs): _____ **Luke 21:9**

C. The kingdom of light is about to dawn.

1. The certainty is growing that we live in the generation of the return of Christ. - **Mark 13:29–30**

IV. How to get started in loving people:

Romans 13:12b "... Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts."

A. Love can't begin until we lay aside unloving behavior.

B. Put on implements for spiritual warfare. - **Ephesians 6:11**

C. Remove self-destructive behavior (v13) - worldliness.

D. Let Christ lead your life, and not the desires of the flesh. (v14)

THINK, PRAY AND OBEY:

Love - Paying What We Owe

Romans 13:8-14

Preparation for our eternal home requires a continuous walk in way of love.

I. Love is something every believer owes to his _____.

Romans 13:8 — "Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law."

A. Definition of "Owe" –It is a metaphor for "goodwill that is due".

B. **Doctrinal Clarification:** God's love to us in offering up Christ for our forgiveness cannot be repaid in any way, for it was a gift of grace for us.

C. **Application: Then who do we owe love to?**

1. neighbor? _____
2. parents? _____
3. friend? _____
4. enemy? _____

II. The way of love fulfills the Ten Commandments –

Romans 13:9 ⁹For 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." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."

A. The Ten Commandments describes what love _____ to his fellow man.

1. If we break these, we violate the law of love. - **John 13:34–35**
2. If we keep them, we are showing the minimum of love.
3. If practice them through eager and sacrificial service, then we have obeyed the law of Christ –

III. The way of love understands the _____ of the hour –

Romans 13:11 ¹¹Do 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. ¹²The night is almost gone, and the day is near..."

A. It's urgent that we be _____ awake.

1. Scripture warns against being a hate-filled believer.
- **1 John 2:10–11**

B. It's urgent because salvation is _____.

1. "salvation"- a reference to the redemption of our bodies –
Romans 8:23 (the soul has already been redeemed).
2. It urgent more so now that we can see end-time events (birth pangs): _____ **Luke 21:9**

C. The kingdom of light is about to dawn.

1. The certainty is growing that we live in the generation of the return of Christ. - **Mark 13:29–30**

IV. How to get started in loving people:

Romans 13:12b "... Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts."

A. Love can't begin until we lay aside _____.

B. Put on implements for _____ . - **Ephesians 6:11**

C. Remove _____ behavior (v13) - worldliness.

D. Let Christ lead your life, and not the desires of the flesh. (v14)

THINK, PRAY AND OBEY: