

**Series "How Great A Salvation"
"A Wake Up Call"
Romans 13:8-14
Study-38**

Romans 13:8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another;

**Romans 12-16 Duty – It's The Christian's Response To Doctrine
Romans 1-11 (Man's Condemnation remedied through Jesus' Death;
God's grace of righteousness experienced through Faith)**

**Romans 13:1-14 Christian Life In Public Duty:
Romans 13:1-7 God, Government And Me;
Now Romans 13:8-14 A Wake Up call:**

Jesus said, **John 13:35; Romans 12:2**

Jesus is who gives to us the capacity to love as we are meant to love
Romans 5:5

Thought Of Our Passage: "Believers Are Indebted To God's Love To Which It Will Never Be Paid In Full Until The Lord's Return."

- 1. Verses 8-10 – Our Debt:**
- 2. Verses 11-14 – Our Readiness:**

1. Verses 8-10 – Our Debt:

Romans 13:8 Owe nothing to anyone

The Context – Paul has been speaking about the believer's debt to government. **Romans 13:7 We should fulfill our multiple obligations to the state:**

Love's Debt: Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another;
God is concerned about both **Actions** and **Motive/Altitudes!**

Owe nothing to anyone – The idea is that we are not to owe that which one cannot pay back, (Liability) or being able to pay but we are unwilling to pay back. (Disgraceful) **Ecclesiastes 5:4-5**

"I rather be a suffering creditor than a shameful debtor!"

Deuteronomy 15:10

except to love one another; We are in a world that is in need of love.
Every child of God should see themselves as "Debtors"

Romans 1:14
I am under obligation

I am under obligation - "*debtor - owe a debt to*"

both to Greeks and to barbarians, (Culture)
both to the wise and to the foolish. (Intellect)

for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.
To sum the Law up is to love. The 2nd great commandment
Matthew 22:39

The means to show love is "**The Ten Commandments**"
Matthew 22:36-40

Verse – 9 Love's Duty: Romans 13:9 Love does not commit adultery,
murder, steal, covet, not true love!

For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY,
Commandment #7 (Love Versus Passions)
Exodus 20:14 "You shall not commit adultery.

When you love your neighbor, you do not commit adultery.
1 Thessalonians 4:3-6

YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, Commandment #6 (Life Is Sacred)
Exodus 20:13 "You shall not murder.

YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, (Theft) Commandment #8 (Property)
Exodus 20:15 "You shall not steal.

YOU SHALL NOT COVET," Commandment #10 (Wrong Desire)
Exodus 20:17 This is the longing **Coveting** - Hebrew word means "*desire*"
"*to desire earnestly*"

covet - also means an inordinate desire. The OT translated into Greek the
word translated, "*Grasping for more, lust, passionate longing*" Literally "*to*
pant after, to fix the desire upon, to lust after, the desire to have more. an
all-encompassing compulsion to possess something"

Romans 7:7

Exodus 20:17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house;
(possessions)

you shall not covet your neighbor's wife or his male servant or his female servant (people)

Deuteronomy 5:21 Why would he put spouse first? Because this is the crowning possession of a person.

Romans 12:2

**and if there is any other commandment,
Rabbis 613 Commandments!**

**it is summed up in this saying,
"YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."**

This sums up all behavior. **Leviticus 19:18**

Romans 13:10

Love's Desire: Love does no wrong to a neighbor;

therefore love is the fulfillment (Fulness) of the law.

The Law is not bad it is the human heart that is the trouble.

That the law had at it's foundation love.

The Law is the standard of what love is, but the Law has no power to make us keep its demands.

The Good Samaritan Luke 10:30-37

2. Verses 11-14 – Our Readiness:

Romans 13:11

4 things believers are to do in light of His coming:

Do this, "and that, live thus" covers Romans 12-13 Love is something that is to be acted out.

Do this, knowing – "perceptive, full knowledge" the time, "This I say, because you know the crisis we have reached" That the disciples of the Lord lived with the expectancy of the return of Jesus Christ. **1 John 3:3**

- 1. Verse -11 Jesus Is Coming So Wake Up: that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep;** This idea of lethargy of this unconcerned mentality.

Jesus Is Coming: for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. 1 Peter 1:5 ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Thessalonians 4:15

**Romans 13:12 (Past) The night is almost gone,
(Future) and the day is near.**

**(Present) Therefore let us lay aside "Putting Off And Putting On!"
Ephesians 4:22-32 Put off Grave cloths, put on Grace Cloths!**

deeds of darkness The actions and lifestyles of the unregenerate.

1 Thessalonians 5:4

2. Verse -12 Jesus Is Coming Dress Up: Put on the armor of light.

Ephesians 6:11-19 (What To Wear To War)

Ephesians 4:24; 6:10-19 Colossians 3:10

3. Verse -13 Jesus Is Coming Clean Up: Let us behave - (Walk 30X NT) properly as in the day, Paul speaks of this proper way of behaving.

not in carousing and drunkenness, "*reveling is the lack of moral restraint that leads to drunkenness*" **1 Peter 4:3**

not in sexual promiscuity could be translated "*bed, unlawful sex*"

and sensuality, debauchery, describes "*someone given over to immorality and is incapable of feeling shame, wantonness, licentiousness*" **2 Peter 2:2
Hebrews 13:4 (NLT2)**

not in strife and jealousy. (Passions that abuse true love)

Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, the same as
Romans 13:12 armor of light. Ephesians 4:24; Galatians 3:27

4. Verse -14 Jesus Is Coming Grow Up: and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts. Ephesians 4:14-15

Application:

- 1.** Let Us Cultivate A Sense Of Debt. When We Owe Someone Money And We See Them Let It Be The First Thing That We Think Of.
- 2.** Let Us Enlarge Our Definition Of Neighbor. Not Someone Like Me But Someone That God Has Placed In My Path That I Can Help.
- 3.** Cultivate A Sense Of Time. It Is Later Than It Has Ever Been Before.
- 4.** Let Us Put Off The Deeds Of Darkness. Let Us Know What They Are And Put Jesus In Their Place.