

Love (Romans 13:8-14)

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(8) Owe no one anything, except to love each other; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

(9) For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

(10) Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

(11) Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. (12) The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

(13) Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.

(14) But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. [Rom. 13:8-14]

(7) Beloved, let us love one another; for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. (8) Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. [1 John 4:7-8]

(30) ...love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' [Mark 12:30]

(22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love... [Galatians 5:22]

(35) By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." [John 13:35]

Practical Application

1. God is love. God wins. Love wins.
2. Love God and love people.
3. We owe God and the people who are made in His image love.
4. God and people are worthy of our love and deserve our love.
5. If we loved perfectly we would obey God perfectly.
6. No-one loves God and people perfectly. Therefore, we all need forgiveness. We all need a Savior. We all need Jesus Christ and His perfect love.
7. You can't love God and people, and commit adultery at the same time. If you love your spouse, children, and people you will be faithful to them.
8. You can't love God and people, and commit murder. If you love God and people you will value all human life.

9. You can't love God and people, and steal things. Loving God and people will make you a hard working servant of others and a generous person. You will be a giver of love, honor, respect, and overall care.
10. You can't love God and people, and covet at the same time. Loving God and people leads to a desire for God, contentment in God, happiness in God, gratitude toward God, and celebration of what God blesses others with.
11. Bottom line: Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Worship Him and live fully for His glory, praise, honor, and renown. Then lead others to do the same.
12. Bottom line: Love the people around you like you love yourself. Love them personally, practically, faithfully, and wholeheartedly. If you truly love people you will not do them any wrong.
13. Love fully fulfills God's perfect law. Let your primary focus be on love and not law, "lovism" and not legalism.
14. Love God and know His time (the time).
15. Wake up to God. Wake up to His love. Wake up to what He is doing in the world and in your life.
16. We are closer to heaven now than we were yesterday. Awaken to the reality of eternity. Trust God and His Word even more.
17. Remove all the works of darkness from your life. Put on God's armor of light. Live in the light.
18. Living in the light is living in love. Living in love is being filled with God and His love. Living in love is living with self-control, fidelity, sobriety, purity, peace, satisfaction in Christ, and thanksgiving.
19. Loving God and people can only be done by the power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Put Him on each morning. Be clothed in His righteousness, power, and above all, His love.

Announcements

- Every Wednesday we have Children's programming (Awana) and Adult Bible Study (6:30-7:30). Dinner starts at 6.
- Baby and Child Dedication on Mother's Day, next Sunday, May 12. Please let Pastor Deric or our Children's Director, Tiffany Vick know if you would like to participate.
- Kid's summer Soccer Camp will be June 10-12 (6-8pm).
- Kid's summer Art Camp will be July 15-18 (5:30-8pm).
- All of our Small Groups meet weekly. See our small group guide to find one that is best for you.
- Our next Man Church is on May 18th from 5-7.
- Our Youth Group meets each Wednesday night from 6-7:30. See David Barrero for more info.