

January 25th, 2026

Reframing Maturity
Romans 13:8-14

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(Romans 13:8) NIV

OVERVIEW

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- Love is the fulfillment of the Law. (vv. 8-10)
- Love awakens (vv. 11-12)
- Love “puts on Christ.” (vv. 12-14)

Spiritual “Adulthood”

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_____. Rom 13:8-9. Matt 22:35-40; 23:23-24
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3. Mature faith is _____ to the _____
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TALK IT OVER

Because we believe that the sharing of our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot - we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.

Which way do you tend to lean – high on conviction or high on compassion?

Paul says the only ongoing “debt” we should carry is the debt to love. Where in your life right now do you feel “love-in-action” is most needed? What would it look like this week to intentionally pay that debt?

The message said that obedience divorced from love is immature faith. Do you agree or disagree? Why? Where are you tempted to focus on being “right,” “biblical,” or morally correct in a way that risks becoming unloving? How is Jesus inviting you to hold truth *and* love together?

Paul warns the church to “wake up from your slumber.” What kinds of things make *you* spiritually sleepy, apathetic, or distracted? What would “waking up” look like in your rhythms, priorities, or relationships this month?

Paul contrasts living in the darkness with “putting on the Lord Jesus Christ.” When you think about “putting on Christ,” which aspect of Jesus’ character do you most want to grow in right now — compassion? patience? courage? forgiveness? something else?

The message said, “Mature faith looks more and more like Jesus?” If you agree, who in your everyday world — home, work, neighborhood, church — needs to see Christlike love from you this week? What specific, practical act of love could you offer?



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