

# Romans 13:8-14

**Romans 13:8** - "Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

- "Owe" is same word as "owe" in 13:7. This is the connection that sends Paul from "owing" governing authorities to "owing" Christian love and Godly character to everyone.
- These verses again are about maturing in Christ and becoming Christ-like
- 13:8 is NOT about borrowing money. In Matt. 5:42 Jesus tells his disciples not to "turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you."
- The debt here is the debt God expects us to owe to him, to others and to our lives...that is, continue to realize you are unfulfilled in your maturity and not finished giving from your position as a born again believer.
- We will be paying the world with service, love and Godly character because of our commitment to Jesus until our final breath.
- This verse is a reintroduction of the concept Paul presented in Romans 8:4.
  - Fruit of the Spirit in the life of a believer begins with love (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Walking in the Spirit, manifesting love (Christian maturity) is the fulfillment of the purpose of the Law of Moses.

**Romans 13:9** - "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."

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the [commandments]	indeed	not	You will commit adultery	not	You will murder	not	you will steal	not
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- The examples Paul chooses to reference come from the second table of the law which focuses on relationship with other people:
  - Marriage and family
  - Human life
  - People's right to own their own property
  - Desires for others people's things
- A quote from Leviticus 19:18 captures this portion of the Law (as did Jesus in Matthew 22:39), "Love your neighbor as yourself."
- Notice the word "rule" in NIV is the word "word" in ESV from **logos** in the Greek.
  - Sounds like Hebrews 12:19

**Romans 13:10** - "Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

- In Christ the Law of Moses and the manifestation of love come together.

**Romans 13:11** - "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."

- Paul now focuses on the time period we have to manifest this "love", or mature Christian character.
- This is our modus operandi until Jesus returns
- Philippians 3:20
- 1 Peter 1:9, 13-16
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- Ephesians 6:10-18

**Romans 13:12** - "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."

**Romans 13:13** - "Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy."

**Romans 13:14** - "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires."