

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

ROMANS 13:8-14

9/28/25

I. LOVE EACH OTHER

Romans 13:8-10 - "Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For 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.' ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

A. The command to love – "love each other"

B. The results of love – "fulfilling the law"

C. The benefits of love

1. Physical

Psalm 32:3-4 - "For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer."

Psalm 38:3-8 - "There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. ⁴For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. ⁵My wounds stink and fester because of my foolishness, ⁶I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all the day I go about mourning. ⁷For my sides are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh. ⁸I am feeble and crushed; I groan because of the tumult of my heart."

2. Relational – What loving our neighbor looks like

- Sharing the Gospel
- Serving the community
- Showing hospitality
- Giving grace in conflict

II. TIME TO WAKE UP

Romans 13:11-14 - "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. ¹²The 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. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires."

In this passage we see the reason and the response to the urgency with which Paul is writing.

A. The Reason (vs. 11-12)

B. The Response (vs. 12-14)

1. Put off / Put on

Ephesians 5:11-14 - "Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.¹² For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³ But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴ for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, 'Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.'"

1 Thessalonians 5:4-11 - "But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵ For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."

2. Walk Properly

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12 - "...and to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, ¹² so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one."

3. Make No Provision

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the sermon this week? What stood out or challenged your thinking?
2. Talk about a time in your life where loving was hard, but it was the right thing to do.
3. Does the truth of Jesus' return create urgency in your life to share the Gospel? Why or why not?
4. Describe what it looks like in your life to walk properly.
5. Talk about a time in your life when you took drastic steps to make no provision for the flesh.