

ROMANS

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Our Debt of Love – Romans 13:8-10

INTRODUCTION: the context is vital!

1. We live under the guidelines of Romans 12:1-2.
2. It's been one relationship after another!
3. We live beautifully by loving authentically (12:9-21).

Rom. 12:9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

4. For conscience sake we submit to the authorities as ordained by God (13:1-7).
5. From last week: some concluding issues.
 - a. Should Jesus' people ever disobey their government? Yes!
 - b. How did Jesus relate to the Roman government?
 - c. What issue must dominate our thinking in this area? The spread of the gospel!

1Tim. 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, **2** for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. **3** This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, **4** who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

- d. Under all circumstances we must do our duty toward our government in action & attitude!

Our debt of love pleases God & helps people (Romans 13:8-10).

1. Love must prevail in all relationships (8a).

Rom. 13:8a Owe no one anything, except to love each other, . . .

2. Love satisfied God's purpose in giving the law (8b).

Rom. 13:8b . . . for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

3. Each command expresses a "selfish" love (9).

Rom. 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."

4. Love never harms others (10).

Rom. 13:10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Our debt of love requires compassion & action (Luke 10:25-37).

1. The "Good Samaritan" parable revisited.
2. If any of these were left "half dead" would we help?
 - a. A government official?
 - b. A first responder?
 - c. A hurting person?
 - d. A trouble-maker?
 - e. A fearful neighbor?

Group discussion questions:

1. What truths about authorities did you find in Romans 13:1-7?
Do you have any questions about this passage itself or its application?
2. How have you done this week in keeping the spread of the gospel as the primary purpose in living a peaceful & quiet life?
Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4 to freshen your memory.
3. Why does Paul introduce the topic of "love" in Romans 13:8-10 on the heels of dealing with governmental authorities?
How does this topic relate to our relationships with authorities?
4. Identify some of the characteristics of love as given in 13:8-10.
5. How does Jesus' parable of the "good Samaritan" fit our discussion of love? What do we learn about love from this parable? See Luke 10:25-37.
6. How does Jesus intend this parable to influence our mindset about current politics in our country?

SONGS

"Yes and Amen" - Anthony Brown, Nate Moore, Chris McClarney

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" - Thomas Obediah Chisholm, William Marion Runyan

"Build My Life" - Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kable, Pat Barrett, Matt Redman

"Great are You Lord" - Deborah D. Smith, Michael W. Smith

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$31,987.00
WEEKLY NEED: \$34,979.00

YTD GIVING: \$764,695.00
YTD GENERAL NEED: \$769,538.00