



LOVE FULFILLS THE LAW

Romans 13:8-14

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Romans 1-11 displays the love of God for us through the work of Christ. And Romans 12-16 displays the effect of that love in us as we love others. How we treat each other, non-believers, enemies truly does matter to God. Our fruit doesn't save us, but it does show what kind of tree we are, what kind of root we are connected to. Jesus said in **John 15:5**, *"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing."*

Last week's review:

1. Christians should Not REBEL against Authority.

2. Christians should URGE Governments to Fulfill their PROPER Role.

3. Christians should SUBMIT unto the LORD.

- When we submit to human authority for the Lord's sake, we worship him in our submission.

*But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, 20 for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard." **Acts 4:20***

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"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."

1. Our LIFE is Built on the LOVE of God. (v 8-10)

*“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” **John 13:34***

2. Now is the TIME to be ACTIVE in God's Love (v 11-14)

“For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 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.”

1 Thessalonians 5:2-8