

## *Studies In Romans*

### **(Romans 13:8-14)**

1. While we owe things to those in authority, what do we owe to other men?

Neighborly love: *“Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law” (Romans 13:8).*

- One cannot Scripturally conclude that this verse forbids lending of money or of taking lawful loans (**Matthew 5:42**).
- Wisdom however, says loans can put us into bad spots (**Proverbs 22:7**).
- More on loving another as we continue.
- For the sake of a little depth though, the word translated “owe” [Strong’s #3784] is used in **Romans 15:1** and **I John 4:11** [translated as “ought”] and ties to the real point of this verse and the context to come, which is not about finances.

2. While there are line by line commands, what instruction summarizes the fulfilling of the law?

To love thy neighbor as thyself: *“For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law” (Romans 13:9-10).*

- Adultery (**Exodus 20:14**, **Proverbs 6:32**, and **Matthew 5:27-32**).
- Murder (**James 2:11** and **Revelation 21:8**).
- Stealing (**Luke 18:20** and **Ephesians 4:28**).
- Bearing false witness (**Exodus 20:16**, **Proverbs 14:5**, and **Proverbs 21:28**).
- Covetousness (**Luke 12:15**, **Ephesians 5:3**, and **Hebrews 13:5-6**).
- The contextual point of what we owe others - love thy neighbor as thyself (**Mark 12:27-31**, **Galatians 5:13-14**, and **James 2:8-12**).
- Who is your neighbor (**Luke 10:25-37**)?
- Love will cause us not to work ill towards others (**I Corinthians 13:4-6**).
- Love is the fulfilling of the law (**Matthew 22:37-40**).

3. What were the Christians in Rome expected to do to prepare for what was coming upon them?

Cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light walking honestly: *“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying” (Romans 13:11-13).*

- We know this day that was coming was not the Second Coming of Christ, for they knew the day they were preparing for was “at hand”. Now one knows when Christ is coming (**Matthew 24:35-36** and **II Peter 3:9-14**).
- There was “a day” to prepare for (**I Corinthians 7:29-31**, **Hebrews 10:25**, **James 5:8**, and **I Peter 4:7**) that came in the first century and effected Jews and Christians heavily (**Matthew 23:37-24:34**).
- Cast off works of darkness (**Ezekiel 18:31-32**, **Ephesians 4:22-24**, and **Ephesians 5:11**).
- Put on light (**I Thessalonians 5:1-8** and **I John 1:3-7**).
- Walk honestly (**Romans 12:17**).
- Not rioting [reveling; nightly partying] (**Luke 17:27-28** and **Galatians 5:19-21**).
- Chambering [bedding; fornicating] and wantonness [lasciviousness] are sins of a sexual sort (**I Corinthians 6:9-10** and **Colossians 3:5-6**). The correcting bedding is that of a marriage (**Hebrews 13:4**).
- Not in strife (**Proverbs 15:18**, **I Corinthians 3:1-3**, and **James 3:14-18**).
- Not in envy (**Proverbs 27:4**).

4. In putting on Christ, what should be done concerning the flesh?

Make no provision [supply; Strong’s #4307] for the flesh: *“But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof” (Romans 13:14).*

- Put on Christ (**Galatians 3:27**).
- Don’t make provisions for the flesh (**Psalms 119:1-3**, **Matthew 26:41**, **Romans 8:12-13**, **Galatians 5:16-17**, **Galatians 5:24**, **Ephesians 2:1-5**, **I Peter 2:11**, and **I John 2:15-17**).