

THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER

(Romans 13:8-10)

VII. GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED THRU THE CHURCH (12:1-16:23)

A. The Christian's Responsibility to Our Governing Authorities (13:1-7)

B. The Christian's Responsibility to Love One Another (13:8-10)

1. Neither the Old Testament nor the New Testament _____ nor _____ borrowing, but it does teach that you become a servant to your lender. (v. 8a, cf. Prov. 22:7; Ps. 37:21, 26)

2. The apostle is not against mortgages and car loans per se, but he is against racking up _____ debt in an irresponsible way, which makes it _____ (if not impossible) to pay back the lender.

3. As Christians, we are obligated, and even _____ to keep on paying the “_____ of _____” we owe our Lord by loving one another. (v. 8b, cf. Rom. 12:9-10; 1 Thess. 3:12-13; 4:9-10)

4. Paul quotes the last 5 of the 10 Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17); the first 4 commands dealt with the individuals' relationship with _____, while the last 6 commands dealt with _____ interaction with _____. (v. 9)

* Is the apostle asking the Christian to live by the Mosaic Law today?

5. To “*love your neighbor as yourself*” is what the Law _____ and sought to _____, but it could not, because it was weak. (Lev. 19:18; Rom. 8:1-3; Gal. 3:1-3)
6. Under grace, when you love your neighbor as yourself, you fulfill the righteous _____ and the _____ of the Law without being under the Law. (Rom. 8:4; Matt. 22:34-40; Gal. 6:2)
7. When you love someone, you _____ intentionally do him/her any _____. (v. 10a, cf. 1 Cor. 13:1-7)

* Definition of agape love:

8. We are _____ obligated to love one another because the Mosaic Law says so, but because the “*love of _____ us*” to love one another. (2 Cor. 5:14-17; 1 Pet. 1:22)
9. In _____ dispensation we are to love one another, but we _____ have to be under the Mosaic Law in order to do that. (v. 10b, cf. John 13:34-35; 15:17; 1 John 3:11, 23; 4:11-12)

* When are you going to personally apply this truth in your own life?