

### **Owe No One Anything Except to Love One Another**

Rom 13.8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he 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 bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

\* **What is** the unifying theme of the latter chapters of Romans?

Rom 12.1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

\* **How are** these chapters like an old castle tower?

\* **Fundamental to** all Paul's discussions of love is the fact that love takes \_\_\_\_\_.

\* **One of** our most deeply held modern assumptions is that love just \_\_\_\_\_.

\* **What do** we learn from Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane?

Heb 12.2 Jesus ... for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of ... God.

\* **Scripture gives** us different perspectives on love. What perspective does each of the following give us?

– The Ten Commandments (Exo 20.1-17)

Mat 5.21 "You have heard that it was said ..., 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' 22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And ... whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire."

– Exodus 23.4-5:

"If you meet your enemy's ox or his donkey going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again. If you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden, and you would refrain from helping it, you shall surely help him with it."

Prov 25.21 If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; 22 For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, And the LORD will reward you.

– Our sermon text (Rm 13.8-10)

\* **Why do** we need both the big picture perspective and the detailed perspective?

\* **What three** big picture perspectives on love does Paul give us in our sermon text?

– 1) Love is a \_\_\_\_\_ : “Owe no one anything except to love one another” (8).

– 2) Love fulfills the \_\_\_\_\_ (8-9):

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– 3) “Love does no \_\_\_\_\_ to a neighbor” (10).

*Mat 22.37 Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”*

*Rom 12.9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.*

*Heb 6.17 God, determining to show ... to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation ... 19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil, 20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus ...*

*Mat 6.12 “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”*