

God's Righteousness at Work VI

"Love, for the Day is Near!"

Romans 13:8-14

Going Beyond the sermons into the Scripture preached by Pastor Peter Oh on February 19, 2017

Entering In:

Share a season or memorable time in your life that is important to you.

1. Based on verse 8, "let no debt remain outstanding" ("Owe nothing to anyone," NASB), should believers not use credit cards? Why or why not?

What are believers to continue to do?

Does verse 8 only apply to loving other Christians, or does it apply to how we are to love all people? What reasons given in the text support your conclusion?

2. How did we get into this debt of love? Or even more pressing, how did my love to my enemies become a debt that I owe every day? (cf. Romans 1:5)

How can you put this into practice this week?

3. Why does Paul use the Ten Commandments as a standard for how to love others for New Testament believers?

What rule sums up all the commandments?

What does it mean to love our neighbors as ourselves? Who is our neighbor? (See Luke 10:29-37)

When Paul says "he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law" (v.8b), does he contradict Jesus who said "love both God and your neighbor"?

4. If "Love is the fulfillment of the law", does Paul mean love *replaces* the law?
[Try to explain why love and law are both necessary.]

How is the love "the fulfillment of the law"?

5. Explain the meaning of *night* and *day* as these words are used in verse 12.

What are we to *put on* in verses 12-14?

What are we to *put off*?

How can we clothe ourselves with Jesus Christ?

What is the opposite of clothing ourselves with Jesus Christ?

6. Explain the difference between *chronos* and *kairos* (Greek words that can both be translated as “time”).

What are the three stages of *kairos* in redemptive history mentioned in the sermon?

7. What day is almost here?

- 1 Corinthians 3:13:
- 1 Thessalonians 5:4:
- Hebrews 10:25:

How should our understanding of what time it is influence the following?

- our priorities:
- our plans:
- our activities:

8. What is going to happen on that day, and what does it have to do with *light*?

- 1 Corinthians 4:5:
- 1 Corinthians 13:12:
- 1 John 3:2:

Living It Out:

Pray for wisdom to know how you should now live differently because “the day is near”.

Pray for the grace you need in order to do that.

