

## Clothe Yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ

### Romans 13:8-14

***There is a debt that you will never be able to pay.*** It is customary to teach Christians that your debts are paid in full. That's your debt of sin. You incurred a moral debt to God and Jesus paid it all. Now as a Christian, you are indebted to love people. ***Your obligation to love people has no limits.***

*I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome.*

Romans 1:14-15

Paul is motivated to preach the gospel in Rome because He is obligated, but his obligation is not based on what he has received from anybody in Rome.

***You cannot pay Jesus anything, but you can love what Jesus loves.***

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.* 1 John 3:16

*Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

1 John 4:11

Romans 1-11 speaks of God's love for people through the work of Jesus.

Romans 12-16 speaks of God's love for people through His people.

The work that God ***did*** in Jesus Christ on the cross is described as finished.

The work that God ***is doing*** in His people is an ongoing work transforming them into lovers of people.

Summary statement of Romans 13:8 in terms of financial debt:

***Christians should pay what they owe and what they owe, they should be able to pay.***

Romans 13:14 - *Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.*

In other words, rather than trying to stop the sin, put on Jesus.

Christianity is much more about saying yes to Jesus than no to sin.

The main mark of this life is love for God and love for people.

***Point: A love for sin will diminish a love for people.***