



ROMANS

Romans-28—May 4, 2022

LET LOVE LEAD:

1. Only have the right **kind** of **debt**.
 - a. Romans 13:8 *Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.*
 - b. Exodus 22:25-27 (HCSB) *“If you lend money to My people, to the poor person among you, you must not be like a moneylender to him; you must not charge him interest. 26 “If you ever take your neighbor’s cloak as collateral, return it to him before sunset. 27 For it is his only covering; it is the clothing for his body. What will he sleep in? And if he cries out to Me, I will listen because I am compassionate.*
 - c. Matthew 25:27 (Jesus said) *Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.*

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2. Love is the only **debt** we can **never fully** repay.
 - a. Romans 13:8b *... except the continuing debt to love one another...*

- b. John 13:34-35 *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*
- c. Love is an **obligation** not an **option**.

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- 3. Love **fulfills** the **commandments** of God.
 - a. Romans 13:8c-10 *... for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.*
 - b. Love does **no harm** to its neighbor.
 - c. James 2:8 *If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right.*

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- 4. Don't **put off doing** what Scriptures say.
 - a. Romans 13:11 *And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.*
 - b. Time has come to **wake up**.
 - c. Understand the **present** time, time is limited.
 - d. 1 Chronicles 12:32 *The men of Issachar understood the times and knew what Israel was to do.*
 - e. Revelation 3:2 (Jesus to the Church at Sardis) *Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of my God.*

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- 5. It is now **urgent** to **do right** in all things.
 - a. Romans 13:12-13 *The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes, and put on the shining armor of right living. 13 Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy.*

- b. John 8:12 *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."*
- c. 1 Corinthians 14:40 *Let all things be done decently and in order.*

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- 6. We do all this by **putting on Christ**.
 - a. Romans 13:14 *Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.*
 - b. Ephesians 4:13-15 *Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.*