

# Romans

Fulfilling the Law Through Love ([Romans 13:8-14](#))

## Read: Fulfilling the Law Through Love (13:8-14)

**8** Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one 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 covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **10** Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**11** Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. **12** The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. **13** Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. **14** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

## Explain: Fulfilling the Law Through Love (13:8-14)

### Apply (What is the point?)

1. Who we love: the \_\_\_\_\_

2. How we love is \_\_\_\_\_

**Rick Warren: Sacrifice is the essence of love.**

3. Where we love: the context of the \_\_\_\_\_

**Wayne Grudem: Where love abounds in a fellowship of Christians, many small offenses and even some large ones, are readily overlooked and forgotten. But where love is lacking, every word is viewed with suspicion, every action is liable to misunderstanding and conflicts abound—to Satan's perverse delight.**

Rick Warren (from *The Purpose Driven Life*): God wants you to be in regular, close fellowship with other believers so you can develop the skill of loving. Love cannot be learned in isolation. You have to be around people—irritating, imperfect, frustrating people.

Rick Warren (from *The Purpose Driven Life*): A church family moves you out of self-centered isolation. It is the classroom for learning how to get along in God's family. It is a lab for practicing unselfish, sympathetic love.

4. When we love: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ up  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ up

## Personalize (What do we do with that?)

- Loving is \_\_\_\_\_—look at the \_\_\_\_\_
- Loving is \_\_\_\_\_—pay your \_\_\_\_\_
- Loving cannot \_\_\_\_\_—start loving \_\_\_\_\_

## Next week: Do Not Pass Judgment on One Another (14:1-12)

### Homework

#### Resources (our helps—order matters)

- Holy Spirit
- Bible: [Romans](#) (ESV)
- Church: [bit.ly/FlemingSS](http://bit.ly/FlemingSS)
- Tools: [bit.ly/romans2017](http://bit.ly/romans2017)

#### Our process

- Ask (the Holy Spirit for help)
- Read ([Romans](#))
- Talk (about [Romans](#)—[bit.ly/romans2017group](http://bit.ly/romans2017group))
- Send (feedback to [jim314@yahoo.com](mailto:jim314@yahoo.com) by Wed)