



"The Debt of Love"

Romans 13:8-10

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1. Our one _____ debt is to love others. v8

8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled [the] law. [Rom 13:8 NASB95]

1) Owe no one _____. Jn 19:10-11; Jhn 10:34-35

✳ Pay your financial obligations v7 [taxes]

✳ Principles: Do not... Pro 22:7

...borrow and not _____.

...borrow money for _____.

...go into debt with no hope of _____.

...borrow on an _____ plan, incurring exorbitant interest charges.

...borrow to buy a product that greatly _____ in value.

...be financially irresponsible living outside of our _____.

2) Agape love is divinely enabled _____ love.

3) Love "one another" is the _____ ideal goal. Jhn 13:34-35

34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, **even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.** 35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." [Jhn 13:34-35]

4) Love we owe to all even to our _____. Luk 6:35

35 "But **love your enemies**, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil [men.] [Luk 6:35]

2. Love fulfills God's _____. Mat 22:36-40

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And He said to him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." 38 "This is the great and foremost commandment. 39 "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' 40 "**On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.**" [Mat 22:36-40]

1) Love frees us from the lusts of the _____. v9, Rom 8:2

- 9 For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." [Rom 13:9 NASB95]

- 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from **the law of sin and of death.** [Rom 8:2]

2) Five _____ and covetous sins against our neighbors. Ex 20

13 "You shall not murder.

14 "You shall not commit adultery.

15 "You shall not steal.

16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

17 "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; wife or servant or anything that belongs to your neighbor." [Exo 20:13-17]

3) Four _____ and six _____ commands. Ex 20:1-17

4) **Our works of the _____ couldn't justify.** Rom 3:19-20

19 Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, so that every mouth may be closed and all the world may become accountable to God; 20 because **by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight**; for through the Law [comes] the knowledge of sin. [Rom 3:19-20]

3. **Love does _____ to anyone.** Rom 13:10

10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of [the] law. [Rom 13:10]

1) **Love _____ evil.** Rom 12:21

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but **overcome evil with good.** [Rom 12:21]

2) **Love doesn't _____ evil.** Rom 12:17

Never **pay back** evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. [Rom 12:17]

3) **The Christ's surplus love _____ our inexhaustible debt.** 1Pe 1:22-25;

Rom 1:14; I Cor 9:16

- 22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, **ferently love one another from the heart**, 23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, [that is,] through the living and enduring word of God. 24 For, "ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, 25 BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER." And this is the word which was preached to you. [1Pe 1:22-25 NASB95]
- 14 **I am under obligation** both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. [Rom 1:14]
- 16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for **I am under compulsion**; for woe is me if I do not preach the gospel. [1Co 9:16]