

## Romans

## **Lesson 18: Romans 13:8-14**

After urging us as believers to present our bodies as a living and holy sacrifice at the beginning of chapter 12, Paul then told us that the Christian life is to be lived out in love. In 12:9 he said, "Let love be without hypocrisy." Paul then gave practical examples of how that love is to be lived in the context of the church,

among enemies, and even in relation to the governing authorities. He now continues with the theme of love in elation to the Law. Jesus gave us a summary of the Law in two commandments—love God and love your neighbor. Paul reminds the Romans of this great truth. He also urges them to do this as they think about the end of the age. We, as believers, are to walk in love and obedience to Christ especially as we think about our position in Christ and nearness of the end of the world. Let's dive in and see how we are to live in love.
> Read Romans 13:8–10
1. According to verse 8, what are we to owe to one another?
2. In verse 8, who are we to love?
3. Read Luke 10:25–37. Who is the neighbor in the parable? How does this parable relate to Paul's command in verse 8?
<b>Application:</b> Read Exodus 20:12–17. For each commandment give an example of how that teaches you to "love your neighbor."
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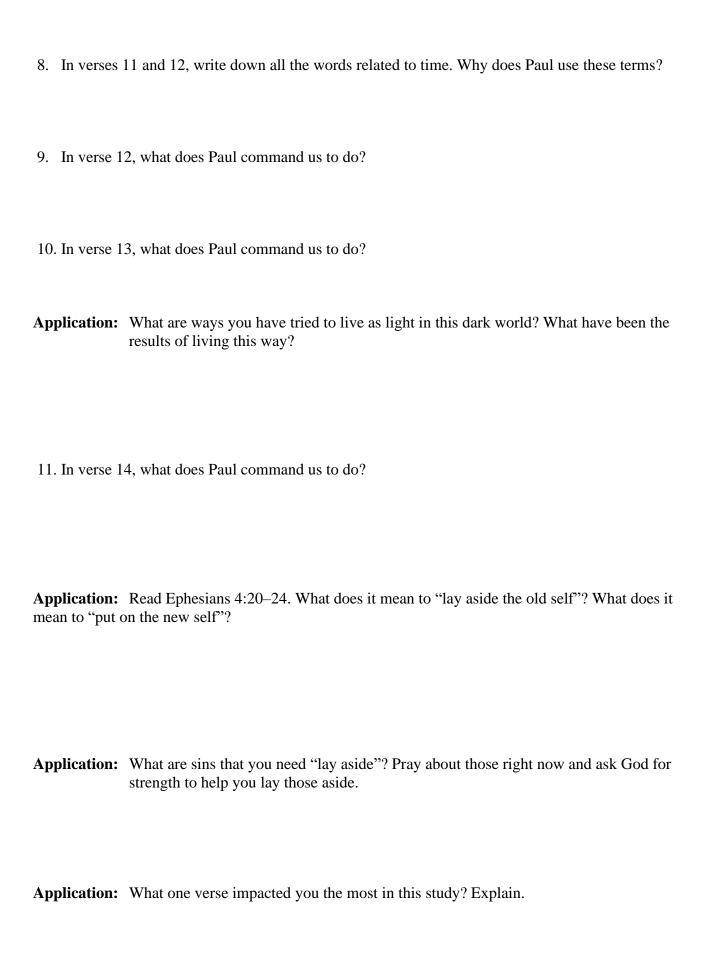
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4.	Does vers	e 9 give an exhaustive list of things we are to do to show love? How do you know?	
5.		, Paul reiterates Leviticus 19:18, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Does this self-love? Why or why not?	
6.	According	g to verse 10, what are the two ways Paul describes love?	
Арј	plication:	In verses 8–10, "the law" that Paul speaks about is the moral law or what we call the Ten Commandments. Should you strive to keep the Law? Why or why not?	
Apj	plication:	How does the command to keep the Law relate to salvation? Is it necessary for salvation? Why or why not?	
Арј	olication:	What are ways people are motivated to obey? How does love change your motivation to obey in life?	
<ul><li>Read Romans 13:11–14</li><li>7. According to verse 11, what does Paul means when he says, "Do this"?</li></ul>			

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