

Romans 13:8-14

Duties toward One Another

- ◆ Be under obligation to no one—the only obligation you have is to love one another. Whoever does this has obeyed the Law. The commandments, “Do not commit adultery; do not commit murder; do not steal; do not desire what belongs to someone else”—all these, and any others besides, are summed up in the one command, “Love your neighbor as you love yourself.” If you love others, you will never do them wrong; to love, then, is to obey the whole Law. You must do this, because you know that the time has come for you to wake up from your sleep. For the moment when we will be saved is closer now than it was when we first believed. The night is nearly over, day is almost here. Let us stop doing the things that belong to the dark, and let us take up weapons for fighting in the light. Let us conduct ourselves properly, as people who live in the light of day—no orgies or drunkenness, no immorality or indecency, no fighting or jealousy. But take up the weapons of the Lord Jesus Christ, and stop paying attention to your sinful nature and satisfying its desires.
- ◆ The only obligation we should have towards others is to love them, by so doing we’re obeying the law. The command that says, “Love your neighbour as you love yourself” sums up all the 10 commandments and all other commandments. When we love others we won’t murder them, steal from them, desire what they have and any other wrong doing. To love is to obey the whole Law, we should let love lead our lives. Love is the greatest of all.
- ◆ We should do all the above because the time when we’ll be saved is closer. We also need to wake up from our sleep, we need to start living in the light, we need to stop pleasing/satisfying our sinful nature. We should start conducting ourselves as people who live in the light of day – no orgies, drunkenness, immorality, indecency, fighting, jealousy, etc. Instead we should take up the weapons of the Lord Jesus Christ.