

## Romans 13:8-10 Daily Devotions

### ☐ Monday - Fulfillment of the Whole Law.

Romans 13:8-10

“He who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. 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.’ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law” (Rom. 13:8-10). Jesus calls this the second greatest commandment, after loving God (Matt. 22:34-40); and James calls it the royal law: “If, however, you are fulfilling the *royal law*, according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’ you are doing well” (James 2:8). Christian, you are the King’s kid, royal children who walk by a royal law!

Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

### ☐ Tuesday - God is Love.

Romans 13:8-10

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.” (1 John 4:7-8). “Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth” (1 Jn. 3:18). Read 1 John 3:1,11,16,18; 4:7-8,10-12,16,19; John 13:35

### ☐ Wednesday - How can Love be Commanded?

Romans 13:8-10

The “old commandment,” John declares, is love (1 John 2:7). But how can love be commanded? How can I make myself feel a certain way toward someone else? The answer is this: True love, God’s love, is *not* a feeling – it is a commitment, sacrifice, and service to others. “I want to love that way,” says one, “Sign me up! Where can I get some of that type of love for people?” No one can give it to you, anymore than the five wise virgins could give away their oil (Mt. 25:8-9). There is but one place, one fountain, where it can be found: There, within the infinite heart of God, beats eternal love. Reconsider, then, the effect upon your own heart by not spending time with God and His people. It cuts off the blood supply and stops the transfusion of God’s love from His heart to your own, until at last our dried up hearts cry out, “More love, more power, more of You in my life!”

Read Jeremiah 31:3

### ☐ Thursday - An Old Command.

Romans 13:8-10

“Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning” (1 Jn. 2:7). What is this “old commandment” John speaks of? It is love (cf. 2:5, 9-11). “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” is God’s ancient precept (Lev. 19:18, c. 1500 B.C.) and it flows like a river through the whole Bible. It is the attitude of the true people of God through all generations. Is it your attitude, friend? Could they write it on your tombstone: “Here lies one who truly loved others with God’s own love!” Will that be your epitaph? They will know we are Christians by our love! (cf. John 13:35).

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### ☐ Friday - A New Commandment.

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John calls the ancient commandment to love one another a “new commandment” (1 Jn. 2:8). So what’s new? Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, *even as I have loved you*” (Jn 13:34). The ancients were commanded, “Love your neighbor as yourself”. But Jesus loved others *more* than Himself and sacrificed His life for them. To love others more than yourself is a new amendment to an old command.

Read John 15:13