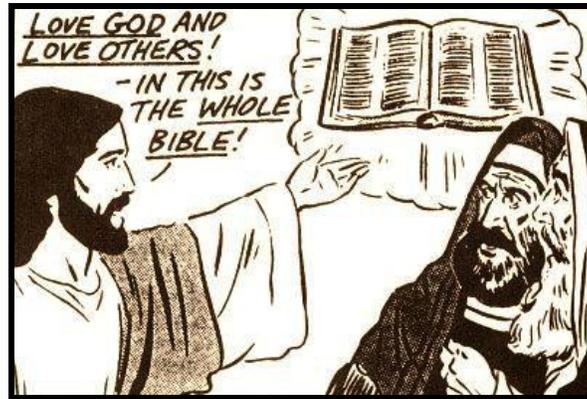


**SUMMER QUARTER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2016**  
**THEME: TOWARD A NEW CREATION**  
**UNIT THREE – LIFE ON GOD’S TERMS**

**“WHAT’S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?...EVERYTHING!”**



**Sunday School Lesson No. XIII– August 28, 2016**  
**Presented by Rev. Frank A. Davis, III, Pastor-Teacher**

**Lesson Text:** Romans 12:1-2; 13:8-10

**Required Reading:** Romans 12 – 13

**Motto Texts:** Romans 13:8 (NLT), *“Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God’s law.”*

**Reliable Resources:** All the Books and Chapters of the Bible (H. Lockyer); Understanding the 66 Books of the Bible (Dr. David Jeremiah); Expository Notes and Outlines on the Book of Romans (E. C. Gillentine); Word Search 10 Electronic Library; MacArthur Study Bible; Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator; Precepts for Living (UMI Publishing); George Brooks Preaching Commentary; Analytical Bible Expositor; Wiersbe Expository Outlines, The Bible Exposition Commentary (Be Series), Warren Wiersbe; The Outline Bible, H. L. Willmington; Romans: God’s Sovereignty and Man’s Responsibility by Dr. David Jeremiah

### **INTRODUCTION**

Well beloved, we have come to the final lesson in the summer quarter as we have ridden with Paul in Romans. We have been indoctrinated by the teachings of law and grace, Jew and Gentile only to remember, “Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus.” *“For Christ is the end of the Law for righteousness to every one that believeth.”* Romans 10:4

So where do we go from here? Let’s combine chapters 12-13 around the common theme that states “Love Fulfills the Law,” and this must apply practically and in love! The Bible Exposition Commentary NT shares: “In all of his letters, Paul concluded with a list of practical duties that were based on the doctrines he had discussed. In the Christian life, doctrine and duty always go together. What we believe helps to determine how we believe. It is not enough for us to understand Paul’s doctrinal explanations. We must translate our learning into living and show by our daily lives that we trust God’s Word.

The key idea in this section is relationships...If we have a right relationship to God, we have a right relationship to people who are a part of our lives. *“If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar.”* (1 John 4:20)

Now Paul transitions from the theoretical to the practical as we leave chapters 1-11. From the doctrine to duty; from classroom to walking in the shoes of service! “What’s Love Got to do with it?...Everything!” As we approach the lesson, let us reflect on a word, “therefore” as a key transitional word throughout Romans. “This is the fourth ‘therefore’ in the letter. Rom. 3:20 is the ‘therefore’ of condemnation, declaring that the whole word is guilty before God. Romans 5:1 is the ‘therefore’ of justification, and Romans 8:1 the ‘therefore’ of assurance. In Romans 12:1, we have the ‘therefore’ of dedication, and it is this dedication that is the basis for the other relationships that Paul discussed in this section.”

### **Anticipated Power Points:**

- **Love Demonstrated by our Commitment to the Saviour. Romans 12:1-2**
- **Love Demonstrated by our Commitment to this Society. Romans 13:8-10**

## LESSON OUTLINE

### **“What’s Love Got to do with it?...Everything!”**

#### **I. Love Demonstrated by our Commitment to the Saviour. Romans 12:1-2**

Dr. David Jeremiah calls this “The Core of our Commitment to Christ. The core of our commitment to Christ is the mercies of God which He has poured out upon us. What God has already done for the Christian is the basis of everything the Christian does for God.” Beloved, **“we love Him because He first loved us.”** I John 4:19. This kind of love is required, not requested! David Jeremiah continued: “When we present, (the idea of giving up that which you have in your hand) our bodies a living sacrifice, we are doing what the priest in the Old Testament did – making a conscious choice to sacrifice ourselves to God.” To present our body is to give God all of ourselves!

Wiersbe challenges us that a living sacrifice requires that we give God ourselves alive and willingly like Isaac (Gen. 22). “Of course, our Lord Jesus Christ is the perfect illustration of a ‘living sacrifice,’ because He actually died as a sacrifice, in obedience to His Father’s will. But He arose again. And today He is in Heaven as a ‘living sacrifice’ bearing in His body the wounds of Calvary. He is our High Priest (Heb. 4:14-16) and our Advocate (I John 2:1) before the throne of God.”

Now how does one present themselves a living sacrifice once and for all? Wiersbe continues:

“You give God your body. v. 1.

You give Him your mind. v. 2a.

You give Him your will. v. 2b.”

Beloved, it’s done, causing a total metamorphosis. (Read Eph. 4:17-24; Col. 3:1-11)

#### **II. Love Demonstrated by our Commitment to this Society. Romans 13:8-10**

Remember Romans 14:8 (NLT), **“If we live, it’s to honor the Lord. And if we die, it’s to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.”** Also remember II Corinthians 3:2 (NLT), **“The only letter of recommendation we need is you yourselves. Your lives are a letter written in our hearts; everyone can read it and recognize our good work among you.”** Paul drafts a sure way to totally demonstrate our longing commitment to this society for the Lord! Paul summarizes the heart and soul of God’s law. Not by “thou shalt” and “thou shalt not.” But a total commitment to love the Lord will be demonstrated by loving our neighbor as ourselves.

Dr. D. L. Moody wrote this in his Bible notes concerning verses 8-10: “Love is the fulfilling of the law.” vv. 8-10

1. Love to God will admit no other gods.
2. Love resents everything that debases its object by representing it by an image.
3. Love to God will never dishonor His name.
4. Love to God will always reverence His day.
5. Love for parents makes children honor them.
6. Hate, not love, is a murderer.
7. Lust, not love, commits adultery.
8. Love will give, but never steal.
9. Love will not slander nor lie.
10. Love’s eye is not covetous.”

#### **CLOSING**

“A story is told of a missionary who asked all his pupils one Sunday for each of them to bring a gift next Sunday for the Lord’s cause. When the next Sunday came, each child brought an offering of some kind: Some brought one thing and some another; some brought money, others brought some things of value. When all had presented their gifts the teacher observed one little boy had not yet presented anything. The teacher said to him, ‘Are you not going to give anything?’ He said, ‘Ever since you asked us to bring a gift to the Lord, something has been saying to me, Give yourself to the Lord.’ So he reached for the collection basket, placed it on the floor and stepped up into it and said, ‘I give myself to Jesus.’” This is presenting ourselves in love as living sacrifices to serve the Saviour and society!



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**Looking Ahead:**

**September 4, 2016**

**Isaiah 11:1-9**

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