



# Getting Along With The Neighbors

## Romans 13:8-14

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### Owe only love (verses 8-10)

1. What does Paul mean by, "Owe no one anything"?
2. What does Paul mean by telling us to owe only love to each other?
3. How is it possible to obey the commandments and still not fulfill the requirements of the law?
4. How does loving others fulfill the law?
5. How is the quality of love Paul writes about different than the "love" found in our culture?
6. In what ways have you seen this quality of love (Paul's quality of love) demonstrated by Christians?

### Time is short (verses 11-14)

1. What does Paul mean by "the hour has come for you to wake"?
2. What does it mean to "wake up"? Why is crucial that we wake up?
3. What does it mean to "cast off the works of darkness"?
4. These days, what are you doing to cast off the works darkness in your life?
5. What does it mean to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ"?
6. These days, what are you doing to put on the Lord Jesus Christ in your life?
7. Consider Galatians 5:16-26 and Philippians 4:8,9. How might these passages help you to "cast off" and "put on"?
8. How can we (this group) help each other to "cast off" and "put on"?

### Processing Paul... (Three suggestions):

1. Pray proactively:
  - What does it mean to pray proactively?
  - These days, how are you praying proactively for others?
2. Cultivate relationships:
  - What does it mean to cultivate relationships?
  - These days, how are you cultivating relationships?
3. Look for opportunities:
  - What does it mean to look for opportunities?
  - These days, how are you looking for opportunities?

### Extra Credit:

1. Romans 13:8-14 fits within the context or Paul's teaching of love applied to the situations of our lives. Consider the following passages from Romans and how Paul is teaching us to love others:
  - 12:3
  - 12:4-8:
  - 12:9-14:
  - 12:17-21:
  - 13:1-7:
2. How might you as an individual and/or as group engage in fulfilling what Paul teaches in these passages?