

Romans 13:8-10 • Love - Why, How, Whom

“**Love Hurts**” - Roy Orbison

“**Bad Love**” - Eric Clapton

“**Why Can't This Be Love**” - Van Halen

“**Higher Love**” - Steve Winwood

“**Your Love is Driving Me Crazy**” - Sammy Hagar

“**If You Love Somebody Set Them Free**” - Sting

“**You Give Love a Bad Name**” - Bon Jovi

“**Love is a Battlefield**” - Pat Benatar

“**The Power of Love**” - Huey Lewis and the News

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Romans 13:10 **Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

Matthew 5:17 “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; **I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.**

1Peter 3:18 For **Christ also suffered** once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, **that he might bring us to God**, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

John 15:13 **Greater love** has no one than this, **that someone lay down his life** for his friends.

Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, **by the mercies of God, to present your bodies** as a living sacrifice, **holy and acceptable** to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:2 **Do not be conformed** to this world, but **be transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Having gifts that differ according to the **grace given to us**, let us use them

Let love be genuine. Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor. Contribute to the needs of the saints

Seek to show hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves...

To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink;

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.

Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Romans 12:9a Let love be **genuine**.

What is genuine love?

*Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.
Love never ends.*

Where do we get the desire and the ability to love genuinely?

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life has **set you free in Christ Jesus** from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:3 For **God has done** what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By **sending his own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh and **for sin**, he condemned sin in the flesh,

Romans 8:4 **in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.**

Romans 8:9 You, however, **are not in the flesh but in the Spirit**, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. **Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.**

Galatians 5:22 But the **fruit of the Spirit is love**, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Galatians 5:23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

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John 13:34 A new commandment I give to you, **that you love one another: just as I have loved you**, you also are to love one another.

John 15:9 **As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you.** Abide in my love.

John 15:12 “This is my commandment, **that you love one another as I have loved you.**

1John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And **his commandments are not burdensome.**

1Thessalonians 4:9 Now concerning brotherly **love** you have no need for anyone to write to you, **for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another,**

1John 3:10 By this **it is evident who are the children of God**, and **who are the children of the devil**: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, **nor is the one who does not love his brother.**

1John 3:14 **We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers.** Whoever does not love abides in death.

1John 4:19 We **love** because he first **loved** us.

Matthew 18:21 Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, **how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?** As many as seven times?”

Matthew 18:22 Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

Matthew 18:23 “Therefore **the kingdom of heaven may be compared** to a king who wished to settle accounts with his **servants**.

Matthew 18:24 When he began to settle, one was brought to him who **owed him ten thousand talents**. (*1 talent = 20 years wages*)

Matthew 18:25 And since **he could not pay**, his **master** ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and **payment to be made**.

Matthew 18:26 So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘**Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.**’

Matthew 18:27 And out of **pity (compassion) for him**, the **master** of that servant **released him and forgave him the debt**.

Matthew 18:28 But when that same servant went out, he found one of his **fellow servants** who owed him a **hundred denarii**, (1 denarius = 1 day wages) and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’

Matthew 18:29 So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘**Have patience with me, and I will pay you.**’

Matthew 18:30 **He refused** and went and **put him in prison until he should pay the debt**.

Matthew 18:31 When his **fellow servants** saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their **master** all that had taken place.

Matthew 18:32 Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘**You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.**

Matthew 18:33 And **should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?**’

Matthew 18:34 And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, **until he should pay all his debt.**

Matthew 18:35 So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, **if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.**”

Luke 10:25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, **“Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”**

Luke 10:26 He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”

Luke 10:27 And he answered, **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”**

Luke 10:28 And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

Luke 10:29 But he, **desiring to justify himself**, said to Jesus, **“And who is my neighbor?”**

Neighbor according to the Jews, any member of the Hebrew nation and common wealth. Neighbor according to Christ, any other man irrespective of nation or religion with whom we live or whom we chance to meet.

Luke 10:30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who **stripped him and beat him** and departed, **leaving him half dead.**

Luke 10:31 Now **by chance** a **priest** was going down that road, and **when he saw him** he passed by on the other side.

Luke 10:32 So likewise a **Levite**, when he came to the place and **saw him**, passed by on the other side.

Luke 10:33 But a **Samaritan**, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and **when he saw him, he had compassion.**

Luke 10:34 **He went to him and bound up his wounds**, pouring on oil and wine. Then he **set him on his own animal** and brought him to an inn and **took care of him.**

Luke 10:35 And the next day he took out **two denarii** and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, **I will repay you when I come back.**'

Luke 10:36 Which of these three, do you think, **proved to be a neighbor** to the man who fell among the robbers?"

Luke 10:37 He said, "**The one who showed him mercy.**" And Jesus said to him, "**You go, and do likewise.**"

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