

Romans

**The Righteousness of God
proven through Messiah,
King Jesus**

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Outline: Two main sections in chapters 12-16

Chapter 12:1-15:13

Chapter 12:1-13:14

Chapter 14:1-15:13

Chapter 15:14-16:27

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Section I a breaks into 6 sections:

A) 12:1-2 – Intro & Foundation

B) 12:3-13 – Church unity thru gifts

C) 12:14-21 – Church life facing the outside

C) 13:1-7 – Responsibility toward authorities

B) 13:8-10 – Overriding responsibility of love

A) 13:11-14 – Living in the light of God's dawning day

Laid out as a beautiful circle almost structured like a poem

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Section IB (5th) – Romans 13:8-10 Fulfilling Torah by Love

- 1) We are in “debt” to love each other*
 - 2) Somehow loving one another fulfills Torah*
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Section IB (5th) – Romans 13:8-10 Fulfilling Torah by Love

Issue # 1 = “Debt”

Romans 1:14 = obligation to spread the Gospel

Romans 8:12 = obligation to live by the Spirit

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.

Based upon the rich mercies of God the ONLY reasonable response on our parts is to give God everything we have

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How does this affect our loving another?

1) We don't love each other because we OWE EACH OTHER...we owe it to GOD!

2) It then doesn't feel like a sacrifice...it is how WE were treated

3) Our love then is not what people want but rather what will benefit them

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Section IB (5th) – Romans 13:9-10 Fulfilling Torah by Love

Issue 2 = *What does this statement mean, “Loving one another has fulfilled the Torah?”*

How? What are his reasons that this fulfills Torah?

- 1) All the commandments are summed up in LOVE*
 - 2) Love does no evil*
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Kingly law:

1) Doing LOVE does not mean just avoiding evil

2) And fulfilling Torah does not mean simply good works to earn God's favor

- a) It is operating FIRST out of a place of gratitude to God
 - b) Then & only then it is seeking the highest good for your neighbor as an overflow of God's kindness towards you - If you do that you will certainly do no harm
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Section IA (6th) – Romans 13:11-14 – Living in the Light
of God's dawning day

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I Cor. 15:20-28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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Section IA (6th) – Romans 13:11-14 – Living in the Light of God's dawning day

Emphasis is on the Sovereignty of Jesus as MASTER/
RULER...KING!

1) Jesus at His resurrection is crowned King

2) When we place our faith in Him – identified with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection - What is true of Him is now true of us = we are full fledged family members, co-heirs, co-rulers

3) We are given authority alongside Him thru His Spirit over darkness & evil

4) And our armor that He pours thru us thru His indwelling Spirit is His LIGHT

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Summary:

- 1) Love is not grunted out...it is an overflow*
 - 2) Know what time it is that we are living*
 - 3) "Put on" the Lord Jesus Christ = assume it so!*
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