

LIVE IN LOVE'S ROMANS 13:8-10

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: “My neighbor is not necessarily someone like me. It is any person God has put in my way whom I can help.” R. Kent Hughes, Romans: Righteousness from Heaven, p. 255. “To esteem, love, indicating a direction of the will and finding one’s joy in something or someone”—Spiros Zodhiates, The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament, #25.

DEBT to continuously love all without exception. Our Lord lived a life of love and because of His love for you and me suffered a cruel death. In doing this, He demonstrated our capacity to love, since He has poured His love into our hearts. (**Romans 13:8, fn 13:8, Romans 5:5-8, fn 5:5, 6, fn 5:8, I John 4:7-21, fn 4:8, fn 4:13, Matthew 5:43, 44, fn 5:43, 44**) *How is it possible for you, a Christian, to love everyone, including your enemies?*

RESPONSIBILITY. You care for yourself because you love yourself. If your neighbor has a need that is in your power to take care of, the love for yourself must be your guide to gauge your responsibility to demonstrate Christ’s love. (**Romans 13:9, fn 13:9, Luke 10:25-37, fn 10:27-37, I Peter 4:7-9, fn 4:7-9, I Corinthians 13:4-8, 13, fn 13:4, fn 13:13, Ephesians 5:18, 33**) *What role do the Holy Spirit, the Scriptures, and love for yourself each play in your loving your neighbor?*

FULFILLMENT. What the Law cannot accomplish through you, Christ did. By willfully letting Christ’s love flow through you to your neighbor, the Law is not needed; therefore, the Law is fulfilled. (**Romans 13:10, fn 13:10, Matthew 22:34-40, fn 22:35-40, fn 22:37-40, Colossians 3:12-14, fn 3:14, Galatians 5:6, 13-23, fn 5:23**) *How could you daily live in love?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.