

Romans 13 Living Examples

2/14/10 - The Exchange

- I. Review
 - A. Go through the circles again.
 - B. I believe this is still in the context of 12:17-21.
- II. 13:1-7
 - A. Balancing act between being sojourners and part of society.
 - B. God is not a democrat, republican, etc. He is a theocrat.
 - C. But He uses government for His own plan. Nebby,
 - D. This is consistent with OT and Jesus.
 - E. Again, probably context of 12:17-21.
- III. 13:8-10 Paul transitions from man's law to God's law which reinforces his point about man's law.
 - A. owe no one anything - echo of 12:17.
 - B. All of this applies amongst believers and non-believers.
 - C. What is the deal with the law?
 1. Bound to the law for the sake of righteousness? No.
 2. Is the law irrelevant to the believer? No.
 3. Give us insight into the heart and mind of God. There is also some hard stuff in there.
 4. Peppered throughout the law is God's heart for His people. Bore them on eagles wings, special treasure above all people, the ones to whom promises are given and through whom promises to the world are answered.
 5. Why does that matter? God was seeking relationship, they turned it into religion. The grace was always there, it was ignored.
 - D. Jesus' answer was two verses. Love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor. In these two is the whole law. There is all the grace in the world in those two verses.
- IV. 13:11-14
 - A. Do what? The love thing.
 - B. 13:11 Awake from what? The theological, mental, emotional funk they/we have been in because of upbringing, bad habits, trouble with the government, wrong thinking. That stuff makes you lazy, makes you sleepy. Paul is saying it's time to wake up! Remember what this is all about! The gospel.
 - C. 13:12 Again, the idea of changing what you are wearing. Talking to believers.
 1. works - business
 2. armor - weapons, implements
 - D. 13:13
 1. walk properly - let us carry ourselves well.
 2. Again, talking to believers caught up in the junk of the world.
 3. Wake up!
 - E. 13:14
 1. put on the Lord JC - What would your living look like if you had a mark on your forehead, on your car, on all your possessions, that indicated you were a representative of JC?

2. **provision** - to think and plan ahead in order to accommodate.
Do you do that? Like trying to be on a diet and working at an all you can eat buffet.

V. **Wrap up**

- A. **Where is your head?**
- B. **Are you awake or are you asleep?**
- C. **What are you wearing? Better yet, who are you wearing?**
- D. **The gospel is a living thing. The church is a unified body.**
 1. **Spirit driven**
 2. **Body minded**
 3. **Intimacy to the point of dependency. That's how we do what is in this chapter. It's also how we do what's in the next couple of chapters.**