

Love Fulfills the Law, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 13:8-10.

B. A new relationship to society is a distinguishing mark of the Christian. (John 13:34)

II. Borrowing.

A. Most debt is unwise.

B. Some debt is wise--that debt that incurs a profit through investment.

C. Interest on loans given for profit is acceptable. (Matthew 25:27)

D. Interest on loans given for need was forbidden. (Leviticus 25:37)

E. Giving without interest is a mark of a godly person. (Psalm 16, Ezekiel 18)

F. Where debt is incurred it is to be paid off.

III. We have been given the capacity to love. This is the debt we always have. (Romans 5:5)

IV. The discharge of love.

A. The new law is the royal law of love. (Matthew 22, James 2)

B. Loving one's neighbor as oneself fulfills all the other laws.

C. The key to obeying the law is love. The keeping of the commandment flows out of a heart of love. (Deuteronomy 5:17-21)

D. Love is loyal, faithful, reverent and holy. Love protects, is pure, gives, is truthful and is content. (Exodus 20, Leviticus 19:18)

V. Love fulfills the law. Legalism will never do it. (Matthew 5:17, John 13:34-35)

VI. If anything needs to mark the Christian community, it is love.

Application Questions:

1. Why do you think love is described as a debt?

2. How would you evaluate your own love for others?

3. In what ways is your love tested? How can you grow in these areas?
