



# Sermon Discussion Guide

March 29, 2026 | Romans 13:8-14 | Hector

## SUMMARY

Big Idea: **Give in to the Powerful Love of the Father**

In Romans 13:8-14, Paul writes that Christians must not owe anything to anyone. However, in light of God's mercies, we do owe everything to God who first loved us. The imperative in these verses is for us to love others, but Paul links that command to another, "put on the Lord Jesus Christ." We can't love people in the way we are called to without the light of Christ first changing us from the inside out. As transformed people who are in Christ, the Father desires His love to flow through us, in the same way it flows through Christ.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (A\*) = A MORE APPLICATION-ORIENTED QUESTION)

### Intro:

- Discuss any highlights or takeaways from our baptisms this last Sunday.
- Last Sunday, 3.29, was the last day of Spring Equipping. Share some highlights and feedback from the class you took.

### Read Romans 13:8-14

1. What is Paul's main point in these verses? How do you know?
2. How are Love and God's Law related? (Note: If it helps, you can think of Love as the disposition and actions of doing good to someone. You can therefore think of Law as God's commands that define what actually is "good" and "not good")
  - a. Why must Love and Law be held together? What would happen if you held onto one, but neglected the other? Love without Law, or Law without Love.
  - b. (A\*) Which side are you more drawn to, Love without Law or Law without Love?
3. In verses 11-14, what motive does Paul provide to stimulate our love for others?
  - a. (A\*) How ought the immanent return of Christ fuel your love for others now?
4. Through our faith in Christ, we have already been united to him and are therefore already "in Him." What then does Paul mean when he commands us to "put on" Christ? (see Ephesians 4:17-24; Colossians 3:1-9)
  - a. Paul also tells us to "put on the armor of light." How does this connect with "put on Christ"? (see Ephesians 6:10ff)
5. (A\*) To love others the way God has loved you in Christ, what is on your radar as something you need to put/cast off? Put on?
6. (A\*) In the last week, where has your love proven weak? Where has your love reached limits?
7. (A\*) How does the gospel apply to that?