

The Primacy of Love

Romans 13:8-10

The Debt of Love

- One debt which will always remain due is our obligation to love.
- The basic principle of the Christian life is to love one another.
- We can never repay the love Christ showed us on the cross.
- Love is the essence and expression of the Law.
- Godly love is a matter of choice.

The Discharge of Love

- Agape love is a choice to behave in a certain way simply because it is right.
- Love values the virtue of others and will do nothing that is morally defiling.
- Love does not rob others of their life, their reputation or their property.
- Love has no part in any unrighteousness.
- All of the laws that God has given—six hundred thirteen according to the Rabbis—are summed up in a singular word: love.
- A Christian who allows God's love to rule his life is divinely protected from doing harm to anyone.

The Discharge of Love

- God's law cannot be truly obeyed apart from love.
- Christians must obey the law of love which supersedes both civil and moral law.
- Godly love uses the basic, insignificant things of daily life, to produce the greatest results.
- Love controls temper and guides reason.
- Love produces godly character.

Conclusion

- Only Spirit-wrought-love is sufficiently powerful enough to cause a person to remove all obstacles and love his neighbor.
- Human love has its origins in God, for God is love.
- Only in Christ can a person meet the demands of the Law.