

# LIVING | Clothed in in Love | CHRIST

Romans 13:1-7

1. **LOVE** is an ongoing **DEBT** we **OWE** others. (John 13:34-35, 15:12; Exodus 20:3-17; 1 John 3:11, 16, 23; 1 Peter 4:8; 1 Thessalonians 3:12, 4:9; Ephesians 4:2, 32; Romans 12:10; Proverbs 3:3-4)
2. **LOVE** does no **WRONG**. (Matthew 22:37-40; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8; Luke 10:25-37; 1 John 3:18; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 16:14; Leviticus 19:18; Ephesians 5:2)
3. God is calling us to **WAKE UP** from spiritual apathy and live with **URGENCY**. (1 Thessalonians 5:4-8; Ephesians 5:14; 1 Peter 4:7; Matthew 24:42; Hebrews 10:25; Psalm 32:3-5, 51:10-12; Revelation 3:16-17; Matthew 26:41; John 9:4; Revelation 3:11; Acts 20:24; Romans 12:11; Titus 2:14)
4. There are some things we need to **CAST OFF** and some we need to **PUT ON**. (Ephesians 4:22-24, 5:8-14; Colossians 3:1-17; 1 John 1:5-7; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Peter 4:3-4; Titus 2:11-12; 2 Timothy 2:22)
5. We are to be **IDENTIFIED** as a Christ-follower by being clothed with His **CHARACTER** and covered in His **ARMOR**. (Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 6:11-18; Romans 8:29; Galatians 5:16; 2 Corinthians 5:17)



## ***Taking it further to help you THRIVE...***

THRIVE Groups are where life and growth take place. We don't want to just say "See *you next week*" as we leave each Sunday - we want to connect!

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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Twice in today's verses Paul says that love sums up / fulfills the law (verses 9,10; see what Jesus said in Matthew 22:37-40). Explain how love can fulfill the law. If this is the case, then why did God give the moral commands?
3. Jesus told the story of 'The Good Samaritan' in Luke 10:30-37. Read those verses. From the characters in Jesus' story, what lessons (positive and negative) do we learn about being a neighbor and loving others? In what ways have you experienced any of these?
4. Paul urges his readers "to wake from sleep" (verse 11). The Amplified Bible describes this sleep as "spiritual complacency", and it is something with which many believers frequently struggle. What is spiritual complacency? What causes it? How do we fight / safeguard against it?
5. Paul uses two opposite words in 12: darkness and light. What does he mean by these? What should our relationship be with each of these?
6. If a new believer was to ask you personally, "Hey, how do you, (insert your name here), put on Jesus?" (verse 14) - how would you answer? Are there ways you should be 'putting on Jesus' that you currently are not?