

WHO ARE WE?
Romans 13:8-14 (CSB)

Do not owe anyone anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, Do not commit adultery; do not murder; do not steal; do not covet; and any other commandment, are summed up by this commandment: Love your neighbor as yourself. ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor. Love, therefore, is the fulfillment of the law. ¹¹Besides this, since you know the time, it is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. ¹²The night is nearly over, and the day is near; so let us discard the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk with decency, as in the daytime: not in carousing and drunkenness; not in sexual impurity and promiscuity; not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh to gratify its desires.

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1. We are people of LOVE. (Vs 8-9)

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When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. ³⁵And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him: ³⁶"Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the greatest and most important command. ³⁹The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands."

Matthew 22:34-40 (CSB)

Love one another deeply as brothers and sisters. Take the lead in honoring one another.
Romans 12:10 (CSB)

2. We are people of LIGHT. (Vs 11-14)

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Jesus spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."

John 8:12 (CSB)

Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, ²keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. ³For the joy that lay before him, he endured the cross, despising the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him who endured such hostility from sinners against himself, so that you won't grow weary and give up. ⁴In struggling against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And you have forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons: My son, do not take the Lord's discipline lightly or lose heart when you are reprovved by him, ⁶for the Lord disciplines the one he loves and punishes every son he receives. ⁷Endure suffering as discipline: God is dealing with you as sons. For what son is there that a father does not discipline? ⁸But if you are without discipline—which all receive—then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Furthermore, we had human fathers discipline us, and we respected them. Shouldn't we submit even more to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time based on what seemed good to them, but he does it for our benefit, so that we can share his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems enjoyable at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. ¹²Therefore, strengthen your tired hands and weakened knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated but healed instead.

Hebrews 12:1-13 (CSB)

"Enter through the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who go through it. ¹⁴How narrow is the gate and difficult the road that leads to life, and few find it. ¹⁵Be on your guard against false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravaging wolves. ¹⁶You'll recognize them by their fruit. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree can't produce bad fruit; neither can a bad tree produce good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that doesn't produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰So you'll recognize them by their fruit. ²¹Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, didn't we prophesy in your name, drive out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name?' ²³Then I will announce to them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you lawbreakers!'"

Matthew 7:13-23 (CSB)