

ROMANS 33

LOVE AND LUST

ROMANS 13:8-14

LOVE IS THE BANNER THAT FLIES ABOVE EVERYTHING ELSE WITHIN THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

I. THE POWER OF _____

LOVE IS THE ONLY _____ YOU HAVE TO CARRY

ROMANS 13:8 Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for

We live with a debt of love. Everything we do is indebted to love.

DO _____ AND YOU'VE DONE IT _____

... he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

Matthew 22:36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

Matthew 22:37 And He said to him, " 'YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.'

Matthew 22:38 "This is the great and foremost commandment.

Matthew 22:39 "The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.'

Matthew 22:40 "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

Romans 13:9 For this, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET," and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

YOU CAN KEEP ALL THE _____ AND STILL NOT
_____.

BUT YOU CAN'T LOVE AND _____ KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS.

Romans 13:10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

II. THE POWER OF _____

ROMANS 13:11 Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.

ROMANS 13:12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

YOU SEE THIS INTERESTING ANALOGY OF LUST AND DARKNESS.

LUST IS A _____ THING

SO WHY ARE WE DRAWN TO IT IF IT HAPPENS IN THE DARK?

JOHN 3:19 Men loved the darkness rather than the light...because their deeds were evil.

SPEND TOO MUCH TIME IN THE _____ AND THE
DARKNESS GETS IN _____

Matthew 6:22 "The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.

Matthew 6:23 "But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

WE ARE CALLED TO THE _____

Romans 13:12 Put on the armor of light...

Romans 13:13 Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

1 John 1:7 but if WE WALK IN THE LIGHT as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

III. _____ TO LOVE; _____ FROM LUST

2 Timothy 2:22 Now FLEE FROM YOUTHFUL LUSTS and PURSUE RIGHTEOUSNESS, FAITH, LOVE AND PEACE, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

I THINK MOST PEOPLE HAVE THAT BACKWARDS. THEY FEED LUST AND FLEE LOVE.

CONSIDER THE CONTRASTS

LOVE _____ UP

1 Corinthians 8:1 love edifies.

LUST _____ DOWN

James 1:15 Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, IT BRINGS FORTH DEATH.

LOVE _____

LUST _____

Lust consumes the OBJECT it also consumes the SUBJECT.

THE ONE CONSUMING IS ALSO THE ONE BEING CONSUMED.

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which WAGE WAR AGAINST THE SOUL.

SO WHY DO WE KEEP DOING IT?

LOVE IS _____.

LUST IS _____.

IT'S EASIER JUST TO FEED THE LUST THAN TO FOSTER LOVE.

LOVE IS _____

LUST IS _____

Romans 7:20 But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.

Romans 7:21 I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.

MAYBE WE RUSH TO LUST BECAUSE WE LIKE THE RUSH OF LUST.

HOW DO WE RUSH TO LOVE AND RUN FROM LUST?

Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

_____ **LUST**

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Bonhoeffer

Therefore the Bible teaches us in times of temptation in the flesh, there is one command: Flee...

Every struggle against lust in one's own strength is doomed to failure.

_____ **LOVE**

Put on Christ ...

Clothe yourself with Christ.