

Sermon Notes  
March 8, 2026  
Romans 13:8-14  
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1. Love is how we **fulfill** God’s law.

2. The time to **live faithfully** is now.

3. Put on Christ—reject the **flesh**

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8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

# Leviticus 19:18

18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

# Deuteronomy 6:4-5

4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

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# 1 Peter 2:13-17

36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 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. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

# James 2:8

8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

# Galatians 5:13-14

14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

# 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant  
5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;  
6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love  
bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

# Micah 6:8

8 He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

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