



Love Fulfills the Law



Romans 13:8-10



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Review the Passage

- **Read** the passage aloud.
- How does **context** affect the meaning of the passage (other passages or historical contexts)?
- What do you notice about the passage **structurally**?
- What in the passage reveals the the **tone** of the passage?

What is a biblical understanding of the law?

What four errors were mentioned in the sermon about how love relates to the law? How do we see those displayed in our lives?

What is Paul teaching about adultery, murder, stealing, and coveting (as well as the whole law)?

What is Paul's understanding of love's relationship with the law?

How is this passage connected with the gospel of Jesus Christ or other passages throughout the Bible?

APPLICATION DISCUSSION

- Which error mentioned above are you most prone to (love but no law, law but no love, etc) and why? What is the lie you are believing in that error?
- What is a specific way in which you could repent, fulfilling the law with love? What would you do differently?

PRAYER GUIDE

- Thank God for his love for us in Jesus Christ and that Christ fulfilled the law for us.
- Pray for those whom we desire to love more.
- Pray that we grow in love and so fulfill the law.

GUIDE FOR REVIEWING THE PASSAGE

Structure of the Passage

- Beginning and end
- Repeated words or phrases
- Questions and answers
- Conjunctions (for, therefore, so, and, yet, nor, but, etc)
- Progression (greater to smaller, etc).
- Metaphors / similes / word pictures / illustrations
- Quotations from other passages
- Rhetorical questions
- Genre of book or passage (narrative, epistle, song, parable, etc)
- Places, names, historical events, etc

Tone

Is the author angry, gentle, forceful, sorrowful, excited, thoughtful, etc? How would this text be communicated in person? And how does the tone affect the meaning of the passage?

Connecting to the Gospel of Jesus

The good news is that God loves sinners and has sent Jesus to die in our place, that he raised Jesus from the dead, and that eternal life is offered to all who trust in Christ for forgiveness of sin. The gospel, like a diamond, has many facets which make up its beauty. Consider how your passage connects to a particular facet of the gospel. Here are a few to consider:

- We are adopted as **sons** (Ephesians 1)
- In Christ we have an **inheritance** (Ephesians 1)
- we are **citizens** in Christ's **kingdom** (Colossians 1)
- we are **saved** from God's **wrath** (Romans 3).
- We are **justified** grace through Jesus' blood (Romans 3).
- We are **regenerated** by **grace** and **mercy** (Titus 3).
- We have the **indwelling spirit** as a guarantee (Ephesians 1)

The Aim of the Passage

What does the author the passage expect from the audience? To **know** something? To **do** something? And what precisely does he want his audience to know or do?