

Paul's Advice on How To Behave

Romans 13:8-14 Love One Another, Shine

Romans 13:8 Paul just discussed giving what is owed, and now he echoes Jesus words in Luke 10:25-28, Mark 12:28-31, and Matthew 22:34-40. Paul has also linked the debt ("what is owed") to our daily walk,

Romans 13:9 Now Paul quotes Jesus, almost verbatim to the above passages.

Romans 13:10 This little sentence is the Heart of all Paul has been saying regarding our behavior – not just among others, but also to ourselves...

Romans 13:11-12 Jesus is coming – Paul is emphatic! Note his words contrasting darkness and light - "wake up from slumber", "night is nearly over, day almost here", "put aside deeds of darkness, put on armor of light", Paul wants us (and the Romans) to SHINE!

Romans 13:13 Refraining from these acts, common in a prosperous society, is loving ourselves enough to care how we are seen.

And we ARE seen...Matthew 5:14-16, Mark 4:21-23

Romans 13:14 Paul mentions armor of light and now equates that with clothing ourselves with "the LORD Jesus Christ". Shine and let Jesus be seen.