



Remember: the context is still “living sacrificed”. (12:1-2)

**I. Owe nothing but love. But always owe love. (13:8-10)**

- A. Pay what is owed quickly and when it is due.
- B. Love is always owed though. Our debt to love is never completed.

**II. Self-gratification violates love. (13:11-14)**

- A. Our salvation has changed everything.
  - 1. No more living as usual.
  - 2. Salvation – Saved, Being saved, Will be saved
  - 3. Put off and Put on
- B. Make no provisions for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**III. Love First. Opinions that divide must be subject to love.**

**(14:1-23)**

- A. Don't quarrel over opinions.
- B. Never cause a brother or sister to stumble over their conscience.

**How does this apply to me?**

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## INTRO FOR NEXT WEEK

### LIFE TOGETHER

#### PASSAGE OVERVIEW

The mercies of God (chapters 1 – 11) compel us to offer ourselves to God as living sacrifices. We too readily think of this purely in personal terms. Each of us tends to think of “my life” as a sacrifice.

But what we see in these final chapters of Romans, is that living sacrificed thrusts us into community. We lose our self-acclaimed ‘rights’ as we live according to the will of our Lord. And His will directly impacts our relationships with those around us. We learn to love genuinely. We seek to live peaceable with all people. We submit to governmental authorities as good citizens. We love one another deeply, putting the good of others before our own. We always seek the glory of God, not personal praise.

As Paul concludes this letter to the Roman church, he stresses the importance of living in harmony. This isn't easy. Paul knows that. But our Father enables such unity so that, with one voice, we might bring Him glory. Crossing cultural and ethnic divides, the stunning unity of God's people resounds to His praise.

We worship together. We strive together to spread the gospel. We strain to take this gospel of life and hope to those who have never heard. As more and more diverse people find forgiveness, life and hope in Christ, the praise with which our lives exalt our God increases.

#### READING FOR NEXT WEEK

Romans 15 - 16

