

**Transformed Living: “From a Conditional to a Genuine Love”
Romans 13:8-10**

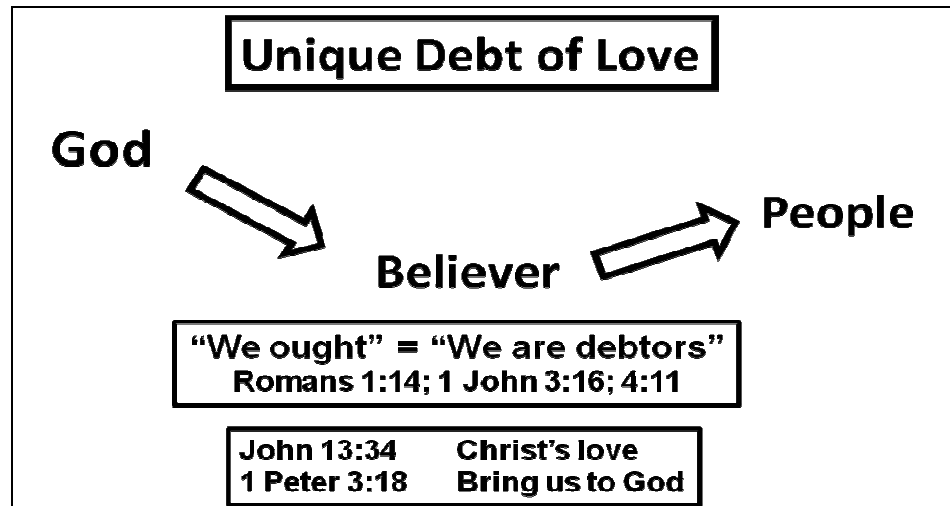
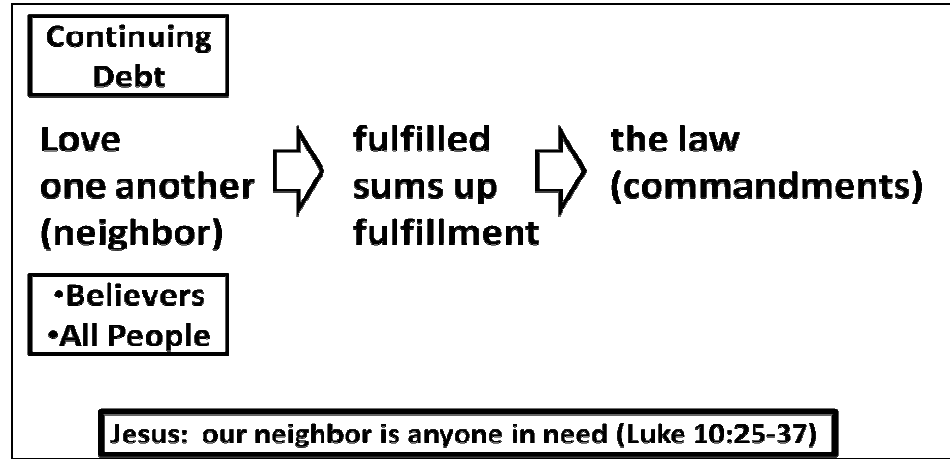
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⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

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.

**“Love is
the commitment of my will
to your needs and best interests,
regardless of the cost.”**
Tim Kimmel, *Grace Based Parenting*



Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- From the following passages on loving others, what does that look like and who does that include? See John 13:34-35; 1 Corinthians 16:14; Ephesians 5:2; Colossians 3:14; 1 John 3:14, 23; 4:7, 11, 21.
- How do I move from “not” loving an individual to genuinely loving that individual? What do I need to be? What do I need to do? What role does God have in this?
- How would you define “conditional” love? How is that different from “genuine” love (*agape*)? What does it look like in your life? Identify two or three things that you can do this today that will help you move from “conditional” to “genuine” love.

Wednesday-Thursday

- The Love command often summarizes the essence of the law. What do you find from the following passages: Matthew 5:43-48; 7:12; 19:19; 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-33; Luke 10:25-28; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8. What connection do you find between the love commandment and the Mosaic Law? Why is it important to know this?
- Paul quotes various commands from the social section of the Ten Commandments. What are these prohibitions? Note the order as the 7th, 6th, 8th, and 10th commands in Exodus 20:13-15, 17; Deuteronomy 5:17-21. This section of the law is summed up with the quote from Leviticus 19:18.
- What are the differences between these laws and laws relating to circumcision (Romans 4:9-12; 1 Corinthians 7:19; Galatians 5:2-6), the Sabbath (Romans 14:5; Colossians 2:16), and food (Romans 14:14, 20; Galatians 2:11-14)?
- What can you do today to practice love in all areas and with all people?

Friday-Saturday

- Romans 13:9 states that we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. What does it mean to love yourself and in light of that what does it mean to love others as yourself? Note: this is not a command to self-love, but rather assumes that people already love themselves. This is a summons to love others similarly. See Ephesians 5:28-29 for a similar concept.
- In Jesus’ summary of the law, He includes love of God and love of neighbor (Matthew 22:34-40 = Mark 12:28-34 = Luke 10:25-28). What does love of God mean? How does my love of God help me to love my neighbor?
- What can you do today to put Romans 13:9, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” into practice?