

1. _____ others. (vv. 8-10)

While I'm in sympathy with the goal, because debt is a tricky thing and a trap to many, this is _____ the place in the Bible to make that point.

Let me hasten to add, however, that the Bible nowhere _____ of what the way we use debt today.

He's talking about our debt of _____. We have been loved more than we can ever repay.

So where Paul might have Christians in view in "one another," it seems that by saying "neighbor" he has _____, including Jews and Gentiles who are non-Christians, in mind.

This is the _____ love that serves another, regardless of the cost to ourselves.

Loving in this way _____ the Law. (vv. 8b-10)

2. Become more like _____. (vv. 11-14)

The Bible tells us quite clearly how to love God: Keep His _____.

Jesus has commanded us to be His disciples, to become _____ Him. (Matt. 10:24-25)

Being _____ into the image of Christ is how we love God as His children. So Paul turns his attention next to that sanctifying process.

First, _____ !

We should be _____ loving God and our Lord more and more as we see the day drawing near!

Second, _____ !

It's time for us to throw away our selfish and sinful ways and put on the armor of God because Jesus is _____ !

Third, _____ !

"Put on" means to dress or clothe yourself, so we must consciously and continuously _____ ourselves with Jesus.

But we can't simultaneously put on Jesus and _____ for our next sin. That's not loving God, that's only fooling ourselves.

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Discussion Questions for the week of Mar. 20, 2022

Getting to Know Me

- What was one good lesson you learned the hard way in your life?
- Who was one of your mentors and what did you learn from them?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- Consumer debt is not a good thing, but the Bible doesn't specifically forbid debt. Read the following verses: Ps. 37:21; Prov. 22:7; Matt. 6 :24; Luke 6:30; Heb. 13:5) What should be our attitude and practice concerning debt?

- We are to love everyone, Paul says, not just those who are Christians. Read Prov. 3:27; 1 Cor. 15:58 and Gal. 6:9-10. What do these verses tell us about our responsibility to love everyone and the outcome?

- Paul says we are to wake up, throw off and put on in order to love Jesus and be His disciples. Look at Eph. 4:17-32. How does this passage compare with Rom. 13:11-14? What are the results of "putting on" and "laying aside?"

Application

- Which is hardest for you? Waking up, throwing off, or putting on? Why?

- Are you now or have you ever struggled with debt? What, if anything, did you learn from that experience?