

THE DEBT OF LOVE
Romans 13:8-10

INTRODUCTION

What does Paul mean when he says we owe our fellowmen a “debt of love?”

Why are you, as a believer, obligated to love other people?

I. BECAUSE OF THE CHARACTER OF LOVE

A. EVERY HUMAN BEING IS RULED BY ONE OF TWO NATURES

1. The unbeliever is ruled by a sinful nature
2. The believer is ruled by a spiritual nature

I John 4:7-17 NASB

B. THE NATURE OF GOD’S LOVE IS SELF-SACRIFICE

II. BECAUSE OF THE COMMANDMENT TO LOVE

A. PAUL RESTATES A COMMANDMENT OF JESUS

B. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS REDUCE DOWN TO LOVING GOD AND LOVING YOUR FELLOWMAN

III. BECAUSE OF THE COMPLETION OF LOVE

A. PAUL STATES THAT LOVE “FULFILLS” THE LAW

B. REAL LOVE FULFILLS GOD’S WILL CONCERNING HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS

CONCLUSION

Will you let Him love people through you?