

# ROMANS 54 – 13:6-14

## *Owe No Man, But to Love*

### 1. 13:6-7

- a. *"for this cause"* – Maintaining a God ordained power to punish evil
- b. *"pay ye tribute also"* – Said to Romans, under wicked Caesar, about taxes
- c. Jesus and the tribute controversy – Matt 17:24-17, 22:15-22; Luke 23:2, John 19:15
- d. The church rebukes and reprove wrongdoing, but the higher power revenges
- e. *"render therefore to all their dues"* – Remember 1 Pet 2:17, 1 Tim 1:17, Eph 5:21, 6:2
- f. *"custom...honour...fear..."* – consider first of whom it is due - 1 Tim 1:17, 5:3, 5:17
- g. There is a way to rebuke/resist wickedness, but not by sinful subversion-1Tim 5:1
- h. We are looking and supporting godly government as God's ambassadors

### 2. 13:8

- a. *"owe no man any thing"* – This is financial, but is not talking about taking debt
- b. The borrower servant to the lender – Prov 22:7; pay him back and you are free.
- c. Walking honestly, paying your dues, having to provide is loving - 1 Thess 4:9-11
- d. Stealing is not the choice here, pay your debts quickly, work - Eph 4:28, Pro 3:27
- e. *"but to love"* - The one big debt that you never pay off, because it is always owed
- f. Love is owed to all men, payment is not required back for love - Rom 4:4, 5:8

### 3. 13:9-10

- a. Love fulfills the law, it is what the higher powers minister – Matt 22:35-40
- b. Paul says to fulfill the law, not that they are under it – Rom 6:14, 1 Cor 15:56
- c. Many things *should* be done, but are not, why? – Rom 6:4, 1Thes 4:2:-4, 1Co 9:14
- d. Grace is not a license to sin, or to act contrary to God's righteousness – Eph 2:10
- e. We are not saved to continue in sin, nor are we to go back under the law
- f. *"thou shalt not bear false witness"* is not in other versions because of the text
- g. *"love worketh no ill"* – It is harder to love those you don't like - 1 Cor 13:4-7
- h. Love does not mean we hide the truth, but it does mean we don't curse them

### 4. 13:11-14

- a. *"knowing the time"* – The time is 2 Cor 6:2, the day of salvation
- b. *"high time to awake out of sleep"* – to work, not lie down - 1Cor 15:32-34, Eph 5:1-14
- c. *"for our salvation is nearer..."* – our salvation is not the kingdom, but Rom 8:23-24
- d. *"day is at hand..."* – this is our resurrection, not the "2<sup>nd</sup> coming" - 1Thess 5:1-9
- e. Looking for the Lord is a motivation to do good works – Titus 2:12-14, Col 3:2-7
- f. *"make no provision"* – it means it is not just a list of "shalt nots", but replacing it with doing good by putting on the Lord – Eph 4:22-25, Gal 5:19-26