

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

Romans 13:8-14

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

I OWE YOU – PART 2

The Gospel of Grace. The Foundation of New Testament Theology
And How The Justified Shall Live by Faith in Jesus Christ Alone.

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Spiritual Worship, Godly Service, Dedication, Devotion, Sacrifice, The Will of God.

We've Been Learning That - Love is an Unpaid Debt.
Not only can we not love enough, But Real Love is of God and It's Eternal

"Yeah, know what, I've loved you too much this month"

1 Corinthians 13:8-10,13

Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. **9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part. **10** But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away, **13** And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

In Fact;

The command for us to be law abiding citizens in verses 1 thru 7 is tucked
in between Romans 12:20

Romans 12:20

Therefore *"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."*

Romans 13:8

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

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he 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 bear false witness,” “You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” **10** Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. **11** And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. **12** The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. **13** Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. **14** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

“In Last Week there was a Message, a Prescription

written to *us*, for *us* – challenging *us* to examine our *own* profession of faith up against the reality of *our* lives being lived out. I would call it “Real Life”

(Which is a really good title or name for a multi-media platform and network broadcast channel that’s all about what is authentic in life and ministry in the last days.)

I OWE YOU

1.) I Owe You - Love vs. 8-10

1a.) I owe you the law of His Love. (what is greater) vs. 8

1b.) I owe you the proof of His Love (what is evidence) vs. 9

1c.) I owe you Everything of His Love (what is good) vs. 10

Matthew 7:13-27

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. **14** Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. **15** “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. **16** You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? **17** Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. **18** A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. **19** Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. **20** Therefore by their fruits you will know them. **21** “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. **22** Many will say to Me in that day, “Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done

many wonders in Your name?’ **23** And then I will declare to them, “I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’ **:24** “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: **25** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. **:26** “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: **27** and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall.”

I OWE YOU

2.) I Owe You - Attention

vs. 11-12

THE 1828 AMERICAN DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE BY NOAH WEBSTER

ATTENTION, noun

I. The act of attending to or the heeding of; the proper application of the ear to sounds, or of the mind to objects presented for its contemplation. {Literally meaning, a stretching towards or leaning towards}

Verse 11-12

11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. **12** The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light

Notice the Pronouns used here. These are real pronouns used in the way God intended Pronouns to be used.

We read here; (For now “OUR” salvation is nearer) and again
(Then when “WE” first believed.) and again,
(Therefore lets “US” cast off the works of darkness...)
And again (Let “US” put on the armor of light...)

Here is a great exhortation to urgency and to duty as a Christian Solider –
for the cause of Christ.

I OWE YOU ATTENTION

2a.) Calling you to wake up

vs. 11a

11a And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep;

Knowing The Time.

In a sense, the Christian lives in a different time zone than the rest of the world. We live our lives out in view of eternity. The time zone that we go by is eternal time. That means that, though we are living right now in this physical realm and in physical time, our focus is set on a spiritual realm, which is subject to eternal time.

We know scientifically that time is a physical attribute of a physical universe. Time is not eternal nor is time stable. Time can be manipulated in the laboratory, and it has been discovered that time is subject to measurement just as physical light is subject to measurement.

Did you know that the universe displays the evidence that both time and light are slowing down and losing energy and that should not surprise us because they are subject to this physical universe?

But Pastor Jack;

Didn't Jesus say to not be concerned about the "times". Yes, he did, 2,000 years ago because the church was given a commission to reach the world with the Gospel – but our time to do so is nearly up.

Acts 1:7-8

And Jesus said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. **2** For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. **3** For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. **4** But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. **5** You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. **6** Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

Times

grk: chronos

Knowing the age, the period, we could say, knowing the weather or the surroundings or the atmosphere (discerning the times)

All of Our Cultural Woes are Global Issues and They Are
GLOBAL INDICATORS ANNOUNCING THE DAYS.

Matthew 24:37

But as the days of Noah *were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.

What Time Is It You Ask? – It's HIGH TIME

High Time

grk: hora

a designated time or particular period of time, as in the hour or the minute.
the reality of a set time that has arrived.

“the big day has finally come.”

Christians are to know what time it is.

If somebody were to ask you, what time is it? The Christian ought to have a pretty elaborate, deep, and thrilling answer to that question.

2 Corinthians 6:1-2

We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain. **2** For He says: *“In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.”*

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.

Here, Paul the Apostle quotes verbatim Isaiah 49:8 from the Septuagint, which is the Greek language translation of the Hebrew Old Testament Bible.

To awake out of sleep

But what does this kind of “sleep” look like ?

It looks like you're dull of hearing.

It looks like you're lazy at loving.

It looks like you're in control.

Matthew 24:42

Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.

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2b.) Encouraging you to get ready

vs. 11b-12a

11b for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

12a The night is far spent,

Verse 11b

“For now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed”

Means = That Our Salvation is Ours Now – But It's Fulfillment is Arriving, Coming

Salvation: from the cross to the tomb to the resurrection,
Is all about our **Justification**.

Salvation: from our conversion to this very moment,
is all about our Sanctification.

Salvation: from whichever comes 1st. our individual death or the collective
rapture of the church, is all about our Glorification.

Verse 12a

“The night is far spent”

For The Christ-Follower; The Night is Almost Over. The Day is Dawning !

Did you pass the Covid test?

When it came to gathering as God’s people and worshipping Jesus and loving one another
during a time of crisis - - did you pass the test?

Hebrews 10:25 NLT

**And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another,
especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.**

Every Single New Testament Author

Endorsed, Warned, & Encouraged Every Believer to be Looking for Jesus’ Soon Return in Every
Generation.

Matthew 24:44

Therefore, you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Matthew 25:10c

And those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

Ready

grk: hetoimos

having made preparations, prepared, to be prepped for an event.

(context being) prepped for His return.

1. Getting Ready & Keeping Ready - we’re going to be in the Word of God
2. Getting Ready & Keeping Ready - we’re going to be in Church Fellowship
3. Getting Ready & Keeping Ready - we’re going to be Praying
4. Getting Ready & Keeping Ready - we’re going to be Worshipping
5. Getting Ready & Keeping Ready - we’re going to be Serving one Another
6. Getting Ready & Keeping Ready - we’re going to be Shinning the Light
7. Getting Ready & Keeping Ready - we’re going to be Resisting the Darkness
8. Getting Ready & Keeping Ready - we’re going to be Saying Look Up

Gee Whiz Pastor – if I’m busy about all that stuff,
then how am I going to do the stuff that I want to do? When do I get Some “ME time”?

“ME Time” will Destroy Your Life and the Lives of Those Around You.

Matthew 16:24-26

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. **25** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. **26** For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

1 Timothy 4:6-8a

If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. **7** But reject profane and old wives’ fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. **8** For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things,

I OWE YOU
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2c.) Helping you to look up

vs. 12b

12b the day is at hand. Therefore,
let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light

Verse 12b

The day is at hand.

1 Peter 4:7-8a

But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. **8** And above all things have fervent love for one another,

Looking Forward to The Day

Verse 12b

Cast (casting) Off The Works of Darkness

How Do You Cast Off The Works Of Darkness ?
You Pray Them Off

YOU PRAY THEM OFF - - UNTIL THEY ARE OFF

Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

SATAN IS A MASTER AT TALKING US OUT OF PRAYING.

“So Jack - It’s too hard to pray. God won’t listen to your prayers, He is so busy. Besides, why pray when you can worry”.

- *Insincerely, Louie Lucifer*

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. **16** For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. **17** And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

THE ARMOR OF LIGHT

**How Do You Put On The Armor of Light?
(You Pray It On & This Is How)**

Ephesians 6:11-18

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **14** Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, **15** and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16** above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. **17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; **18** praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

Combat Love Wins Every Single Time

Romans 13:14

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh,
to fulfill its lusts. **(KILL THE OPPORTUNITY)**

Ya Wanna See Your Neighbor Come to Jesus ? – Then start
treating him, her
like they are already a Christian.

End of Study

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