



Pursuing Holiness

Aiming at 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. (ESV)

1. Realize _____ (vv.8-10)

2. Always _____ (vv.9-10)

3. Sense _____ (v.8a)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Romans 5:20** and **1 Peter 1:14-16**. What would you say to someone who says that God's laws don't matter because we are saved by grace?
2. Read **Hebrews 10:1-4** and **1 John 3:4-10**. When the New Testament references "the law" or "law-breaking" why is it so important for us to note which aspect of the Old Testament law the passage is referencing?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17** and **Hebrews 10:16-17**. Based on passages like these, why is the genuineness of our conversion in Christ (i.e., a real, authentic, internal, "new birth" which took place when we repented of our sins and placed our trust in Christ to forgive us) so important in any discussion about keeping God's rules or being more holy?
4. Why is it a problem for us to attempt to "love others" without ever calibrating our understanding of "love" by the definitions we find in the Bible? In other words, why not just rely on what our new "regenerate hearts" feel?
5. What specific, righteous acts of Christlike love will you purposefully demonstrate (and to whom) this week?

For sermons on MP3 go to FPR.info. The following are other available sermons related to today's subject matter.

CD # 0732 – **Seeing Obedience as an Act of Worship**
CD # 0213 – **How God Wants Us to Think Differently About Ourselves**
CD # 0932–0936 – **Set Free to Live Right** (a five-part series)
CD # 0725–0732 – **Our Fight with Sin** (a seven-part series)

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

Go to ESV.org (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

July 17th

Ps.22-24 & Ac.20:1-16

July 18th

Ps.25-27 & Ac.20:17-38

July 19th

Ps.28-30 & Ac.21:1-14

July 20th

Ps.31-33 & Ac.21:5-40

July 21st

Ps.34-35 & Ac.22

July 22nd

Ps.36-37 & Ac.23:1-11

July 23rd

Ps.38-40 & Ac.23:12-35

July 24th

Ps.41-43 & Ac.24

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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