



Romans 13:8-14 | Dr. Stan Fowler
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“Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. The commandments, ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not covet,’ and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’ Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”

1. How do you process ethical decisions that confront you? Do you ask, “What is the rule?” or rather “What does love demand?” Why?
2. Do you think of salvation as something past or something future or both? What difference might it make?
3. Do you ever think about the return of Christ and the age to come? How so? What are the practical implications of this?
4. When you were a child, what did you envision that you would be as an adult? Did that affect the way you lived as a child?
5. The promise of God is that we who belong to Christ will in the end be conformed to his perfect humanity (Romans 8:29; 1 John 3:2). Try to imagine yourself living as we see Jesus in the Gospels. How would you be different?