

ROMANS

THE PRACTICE OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS



SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

A GOSPEL OF LOVE

ROMANS 13:8-14

JUNE 28, 2015

TAKEAWAYS

Write out your one-sentence takeaways. Consider writing these on a notecard and putting it on your mirror, desk, or car dashboard.

What to remember:

What to put off/put on:

What to share with someone:

NEXT STEPS

Here are some possible next steps to walk in this truth this week.

- If you're not a member, sign up for the July 25 membership class at yourchurch.com/membership.
- Memorize and meditate on Rom. 13:14 this week.
- Pray for opportunities to show love and light to those around you.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

For those wanting to study some of the key ideas in more detail here are some cross-references and resources.

- **Love:** John 13:34; Rom. 12:9-10; 1 Cor. 12:31; 13; 2 Cor. 6:6; Col. 3:14; 1 Tim. 1:5; 1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3-4.
- **Light:** John 1:5-13; 3:20; Col. 1:13-14.
- **Awake:** 1 Cor. 15:34; Eph. 5:14; 1 Thess. 5:6.
- **Put on the Lord:** Col. 3:1-4, 12; Gal. 3:27; Luke 24:49; Eph. 4:24.

APPLICATION & DISCUSSION

These questions focus on the sermon text and message. We've highlighted key ones but use however many your group needs.

- 1. To whom do we owe the obligation/debt of love? Who are specific people in your life you need to intentionally love?**
2. What do you think this kind of biblical love might look like in action? What are some ways we might unintentionally be unloving to people?
3. How is a life of love compelling to others? Are there any examples of compelling love you've recently seen that come to mind?
- 4. What are some reasons we might lack urgency in our Christian life? What are noticeable consequences of living without urgency?**
- 5. What are some specific ways you can cast off works of darkness, put on the armor of light, and put on Christ?**
- 6. How can pursuing and knowing Jesus lead us to become people of love and light? How do you want your life to reflect Christ?**
7. From this text and sermon, what things do you need to remember, put off or put on, or share with someone? What kind of person do you want to be based on this message?

HOW TO PRAY

Pray over the praises and requests of those around you but here are some additional ways to pray into our passage this week.

- Confess any lack of love in your life.
- Thank God for loving you and showing you love.
- Pray that God would help you love people more intentionally and more deeply.
- Ask God to make you a person of light that draws others to Christ.
- Pray that you would experience and take in God's love so you can love others similarly.

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