



FOR THE WEEK OF AUG 31

WEEKLY WORD

Read Romans 13:8-14

This is our last Weekly Walk of the summer (*sniff sniff*), but what a perfect text with which to end our study together. It's kind of like Paul is offering us some final advice before we head off into other fall opportunities. Of course there is a whole lot more of Romans to explore, and I would encourage you to continue reading if you have enjoyed these Weekly Walks.

Today's text covers a couple of different matters. Verses 8-10 talk about Jesus' *greatest command to love*, with a look at how love sums up the commandments. Verses 11-14 offer some encouragement to "*putting on the armor of light*" sooner than later. Now is the time to open your life to be transformed.

WEEKLY CHEW

Please wrestle with these questions during the week and feel free to offer your thoughts or questions on our LIVING WATERS LUTHERAN CHURCH SR WEEKLY WALK page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/251008952628293/>.

1. Paul begins by talking about owing people LOVE. We all know what it's like to be in debt, right? Have you ever thought about being in debt with people over love? What does that feel like? Can you think of people to whom you *OWE* a little (or a lot) love?
2. I'm always curious to hear people's favorite commandment. What is yours? The directive of loving your neighbor is nothing new to followers of Jesus. Nice words, but are they always easily followed? Can you think of "neighbors" you have that are pretty tough to love? (*no need to mention names!*) What do you think Jesus would advise you concerning loving the unlovable?
3. Paul has been talking about the transformed life of a follower of Jesus. In these verses he uses the imagery of putting on the armor of light. With LIGHT being the armor, do you think it is meant more for your protection or for the benefit of others? In what ways?
4. Paul would encourage us that there is no room for procrastination in the life of a Christian. Can you think of ways you have been tempted or have fallen victim to procrastinating your Christian walk and devotion?
5. Paul talks about living honorably. What does that look like in your life? What are the ways that our present context in the world makes that more of a challenge?

WEEKLY PRACTICE

With the invitation to put on the armor of light and to put on the Lord Jesus Christ, think of and try any sort of morning practices you could do to be intentionally mindful of entering your day with the light of Christ.

PRAAYER

Source of all Love, teach us to love our neighbor; show us how to do that when it feels like too much of a challenge. Fill us with the love and light of Christ that it becomes what clothes us every waking day. Amen.

Owe no one anything except

to love one another,

for he who loves another
has fulfilled the law.

-Romans 13:8

