

Romans 13

Live in
Submission

Love Debt

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Vs 1-8**



How is your conscience?

Ask yourself:

- Do I still feel the "pain" or conviction of the Holy Spirit when I sin?
- Have I become desensitized to sinful behaviors that used to bother me?
- Do I find myself ignoring my inner voice, or has that voice gone silent?
- Am I able to commit sins that I once found repulsive?
- Do I actively make excuses or justify actions that I know are wrong?

How is your conscience?

- Do I blame others for my behavior rather than taking responsibility?
- Am I indifferent to the spiritual damage my actions may cause to others (stumbling blocks)?
- Is my life marked by hypocrisy—claiming one thing while doing another?
- Do I find myself bored with or indifferent to matters of morality and righteousness?
- Have I moved from disobedient actions to a state of rebellion where I no longer care about God's standards?

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Vs 8-10



Agape - ἀγάπη

Agape love is not sentimental or emotional but is obedient, being a manifestation of the act of one's will that desires another's highest good.

Agape is unconditional so that if given and not returned, you don't stop giving it.

Agape gives and gives and gives.

Agape takes slaps in the face and still gives even as Jesus did saying "*Father forgive them.*"

Agape is not withheld.

Agape is the badge of discipleship, the landmark of heaven, for Jesus clearly declared "*By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.*"

(William Barclay)



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Vs 11-14

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you ^bto wake from sleep. ^cFor salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² ^dThe night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then ^elet us ^fcast off the works of darkness and ^g ^hput on the armor of light. ¹³ ⁱLet us walk properly as in the daytime, ^jnot in orgies and drunkenness, ^{not} in sexual immorality and sensuality, ^jnot in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But ^kput on the Lord Jesus Christ⁺, and make no provision for the flesh, ^lto gratify its desires.



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