

# ROMANS

THE GRACE OF GOD: A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY IN THE BOOK OF ROMANS

## Love, for the Day is Near

• Romans 13 : 8 - 14 •

Week 23

### DEVOTION

As followers of Jesus, we are called to live in the light of His love and the urgency of His return. Romans 13:8-14 invites us to see love not as something optional or occasional, but as the very fulfillment of God's law. This love is not a fleeting feeling—it is a daily offering, a reflection of the mercy we've received, and the life we've been called to embody. It touches every part of our relationships, reshaping how we treat others and calling us to walk with integrity, compassion, and holiness. We don't love in our own strength, but through the Spirit who empowers us to live in step with Jesus.

Paul reminds us that we are living in the last days—not to stir fear, but to awaken faith. The night is far gone, and the day is near. Each moment matters. We are called to live as children of the day—clothed with Christ, laying aside the works of darkness, and stepping into the light of His kingdom. This devotional journey will explore how love becomes our ongoing debt, how holiness flows from our identity in Christ, and how we are invited to live with expectation, purpose, and joy as we await the return of our King.

### Monday

#### Read Romans 13:8-14

**Love, for the Day is Near:** Paul's call to love is not sentimental but eschatological—it's a love awakened by the urgency of the hour. As believers filled with the Spirit and grounded in the Word, we're invited to embody God's kingdom now. Love is not only a moral imperative but a prophetic signpost pointing to the coming Day of the Lord.

#### Personal Reflection:

1. How does Paul describe the relationship between love and the law?
2. What does it mean to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" in your daily life?
3. In what area of your life is God calling you to "wake from sleep" and walk in the light?

## Tuesday

### Read Galatians 5:13-26

**Loving in the Power of the Spirit:** Love is not something we produce by willpower—it flows from the Spirit-filled life. To walk in love is to walk in the Spirit. Our ability to love comes from God's grace; and we are invited to expect the Spirit's active empowering presence in every moment.

#### Personal Reflection:

1. How does Paul contrast walking by the Spirit with walking in the flesh?
2. What is the connection between love and freedom in this passage?
3. Are there places where you're relying on your own effort instead of the Spirit's power?

## Wednesday

### Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

**The Call to Holy Urgency:** Living in the light of the coming Day means walking in sobriety, hope, and community. Love becomes our armour, our resistance against apathy, distraction, and spiritual sleepiness. The Spirit alerts and equips us, helping us live with urgency but not anxiety.

#### Personal Reflection:

1. What does it mean to be “children of light” in today’s world?
2. How do faith, love, and hope function as spiritual armour?
3. Where do you sense the Spirit inviting you to “keep awake” in this season?

## Thursday

### Read John 13:31-35; 15:9-13

**Love as the Mark of the Kingdom:** Jesus not only commands love—He defines it by His own life. Love becomes both our identity and our witness to a watching world. We are invited to abide in His love daily and let it shape how we love others.

#### Personal Reflection:

1. How does Jesus redefine the command to love in these verses?
2. What does it practically look like to “abide” in His love?
3. Where might God be calling you to love sacrificially like Jesus?

## Friday

### Read Ephesians 5:1-16

**Living as God’s light in the Darkness:** The gospel doesn’t just save us—it transforms us into light-bearers. We are called to imitate God, to walk in love and live wisely in a world desperate for truth and hope. The Spirit helps us discern, shine, and move in step with God’s heart in this kairos hour.

#### Personal Reflection:

1. What does it mean to “walk in love” as an imitator of God?
2. How can we “make the best use of the time” in practical ways today?
3. What specific step can you take this week to shine the light of Christ where you live or work?