

**-Romans 13:8-10**

***-The Debt We Cannot Satisfy***

**-Exodus 22:25 (LSB) “If you lend money to My people, to the afflicted among you, you are not to act as a creditor to him; you shall not charge him interest.**

**-Leviticus 25:35-36 (LSB) 35 'Now if a brother of yours becomes poor and his means with regard to you falter, then you are to sustain him, like a sojourner or a foreign resident, that he may live with you. 36 'Do not take usurious interest from him, but fear your God, that your brother may live with you.**

**-Deuteronomy 15:7-10 (LSB) 7 *If there is a needy one among you, one of your brothers*, in any of your gates of the towns in your land which Yahweh your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart nor close your hand from your needy brother; 8 but you shall freely open your hand to him and shall generously *lend him sufficient for his need in whatever he lacks*. 9 “Beware lest there be a vile thought in your heart, saying, ‘The seventh year, the year of the remission of debts, is near,’ and your eye is hostile toward your needy brother, and you give him nothing; then he may cry to Yahweh against you, and it will be a sin in you. 10 “You shall generously give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing Yahweh your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you send forth your hand to do.**

**-Psalm 37:21, 26 (LSB) The wicked  
borrows and does not pay back,  
But the righteous is gracious and  
gives...26 All day long he is  
gracious and lends, And his seed is  
a blessing.**

**-Proverbs 19:17 (LSB) He who is  
gracious to a poor man lends to  
Yahweh, And He will repay him for  
his bountiful deed.**

**-1 Corinthians 4:7 (LSB) For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?**



**-To or by someone who is need for  
the sake of survival and this is  
done without interest.**

**-To or by someone for the purpose of gaining profit in business and in this case, interest is charged. (This one is optional.)**

**-Proverbs 22:7 (LSB) The rich rules  
over the poor, And the borrower is  
the slave of the lender.**

**-Alexander MacLaren: “Law enjoins  
but has no power to get its  
injunctons executed. Love enables  
and inclines to do all that law  
prescribes, and to avoid all that it  
prohibits.”**

**-John 15:12-13 (LSB) 12 “This is My  
commandment, that you love one  
another, just as I have loved you.  
13 “Greater love has no one than  
this, that one lay down his life for  
his friends.**

**-1 John 3:14-18 (LSB) 14 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. The one who does not love abides in death. 15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. 16 By this we have known love, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. 17 But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? 18 Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.**

**-“Love is not an emotion which we may indulge or not, as we please. It is not to select its objects according to our estimate of their lovableness or goodness. But we are bound to love, and that all round, without distinction of beautiful or ugly, good or bad. ‘A hard saying; who can hear it?’ Every man is our creditor for that debt...After all payments it still remains owing.”**

**-Galatians 5:19-21 (LSB) 19 Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**



**-Galatians 5:22-26 (LSB) 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Now those who belong to Christ Jesus crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become those with vain glory, challenging one another, envying one another.**

**-“A traveling Christian, of whatever language or country, with a letter of recommendation from his bishop, was everywhere hospitably received as a long known friend. It was a current phrase: In thy brother thou hast seen the Lord himself.”—Philip Schaff, *History of the Christian Church Vol. II***

**-“It is incredible to see the ardor with which the people of that religion help each other in their wants. They spare nothing. Their first legislator has put into their heads that they are all brethren.”—**

**Lucian**

-“For while the love of friends, says Tertullian, is common to all men, the love of enemies is peculiar to Christians. ‘You forget,’ he says to the heathens in his *Apology*, ‘that, notwithstanding your persecutions, far from conspiring against you, as our numbers would perhaps furnish us with the means of doing, we pray for you and do good to you; that, if we give nothing for your gods, we do give for your poor, and that our charity spreads more alms in your streets than the offerings presented by your religion in your temples.’”

**-“...among the Jews no beggar can  
be found, and the godless  
Galileans (i.e. the Christians)  
nourish not only their own, but  
even our own poor.”—Julian the  
Apostate**

**-John 13:1 (LSB) Now before the Feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He would depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.**

1 Thessalonians 4:9 Now concerning love of the brothers, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another, 10 for indeed you do practice it toward all the brothers who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brothers, to excel still more,

**-1 John 4:10-11 (LSB) 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.**