

“The Unpayable Debt”

Romans 13:8-14

Paul declares a debt that is common to all believers. It is a debt that we must always pay on, but we can never pay off. It is a debt we owe to one another.

- I. The believer's _____ of love (8)
- II. The Bible's _____ of love (9-10)
 - A. Bible love is _____ (Gal. 5:13)
 - B. Bible love is _____ (I Cor. 13:6)
 - C. Bible love is _____ (Rom. 14:21)
 - D. Bible love is _____ (I Pet. 4:8; Eph. 4:32)
 - E. Bible love is _____ (Eph. 4:2)
 - F. Bible love is _____ (John 15:13)
- III. The believer's _____ of love (11-14)
 - A. _____! (11)
 - B. _____! (12-13)
 - C. _____! (12b, 14)

Am I _____ on my _____ of love?

If I know the language perfectly and speak like a native, and have not God's love for them, I am nothing. If I have diplomas and degrees and know all the up-to-date methods, and have not His touch of understanding love, I am nothing. If I am able to argue successfully against the religions of the people and make fools of them, and have not His wooing note, I am nothing. If I have all faith and great ideals and magnificent plans, and not His love that sweats and bleeds and weeps and prays and pleads, I am nothing. If I give my clothes and money to them, and have not His love for them, I am nothing.

If I surrender all prospects, leave home and friends, make the sacrifices of a missionary career, and turn sour and selfish amid the daily annoyances and slights of a missionary life, and have not the love that yields its rights, its leisure, its pet plans, I am nothing. Virtue has ceased to go out of me. If I can heal all manner of sickness and disease, but wound hearts and hurt feelings for want of His life that is kind, I am nothing. If I can write articles or publish books that win applause, but fail to transcribe the Word of the Cross into the language of His love, I am nothing.

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