

EXCEPT TO LOVE

ROMANS 13:8-10

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Challenges to Understanding Love:

1. _____
2. _____

The Case for Love:

- I. A _____ (v. 8a): 'Owe no one anything'
- II. An _____ (v. 8b): 'except to love'
- III. The _____ (v. 8c-10): 'for the one who loves has fulfilled the law'

Two Perspectives on Love:

1. A _____ perspective → Love as _____
2. A _____ perspective → Love as _____

Reorder from Disorder:

1. My relationship with _____: Do I value His _____?
2. My relationship with _____: Do I value their _____?
3. My relationship with _____: Do I understand how I _____?

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Challenges to Understanding Love:

1. **Cultural**
2. **Spiritual**

The Case for Love:

- I. A **Prohibition** (v. 8a): 'Owe no one anything'
- II. An **Exception** (v. 8b): 'except to love'
- III. The **Reason** (v. 8c-10): 'for the one who loves has fulfilled the law'

Two Perspectives on Love:

1. A **horizontal** perspective → Love as **debt**
2. A **vertical** perspective → Love as **fulfillment**

Reorder from Disorder:

1. My relationship with **God**: Do I value His **word**?
2. My relationship with **others**: Do I value their **worth**?
3. My relationship with **self**: Do I understand how I **flourish**?