Which commandment is the most important of all? Jesus answered, The most important is, 'Hear O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.' – Jesus (Mark 12:28 – 31)

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments... are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

– Paul (Romans 13:8,10)

- Jesus (John 13:34 - 35)

In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. In all things, charity (love).

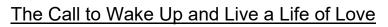
– Rupertus Meldenius

Sermon Outline:

1. <u>The Love that Fulfills the Law (vs. 8 – 10)</u>

2. The Love that Does no Wrong (vs. 8 - 10)

3. <u>The Love that Knows the Time</u> (vs. 11 - 14)



Sunday, May 1/22

Romans 13:8 - 14





<u>Open It</u>

- 1. What sort of actions communicate love to you?
- 2. What are some of the evil activities tolerated and even promoted by our society?

Explore It

- 3. In what area of life is a Christian to maintain a continuing debt? (13:8)
- 4. What is the sign that a Christian has fulfilled the Law? (13:8)
- 5. What "hour" is Paul referring to in Ch. 13:11?
- 6. How did Paul encourage his readers to live godly lives? (13:11-12)
- 7. With what are Christians to clothe themselves? (13:14)

<u>Get It</u>

- 8. What are the signs that the present age is nearly over?
- 9. How would you live if you knew the world would end in six months?
- 10. What deeds of darkness practiced in our world today sometimes attract Christians?

Apply It

- 11. What personal relationship do you want to improve by earnestly loving that person?
- 12. What specific gesture of love or kindness can you use to build a relationship this week?