

Living out Christ's Likeness

Romans 13:8-14



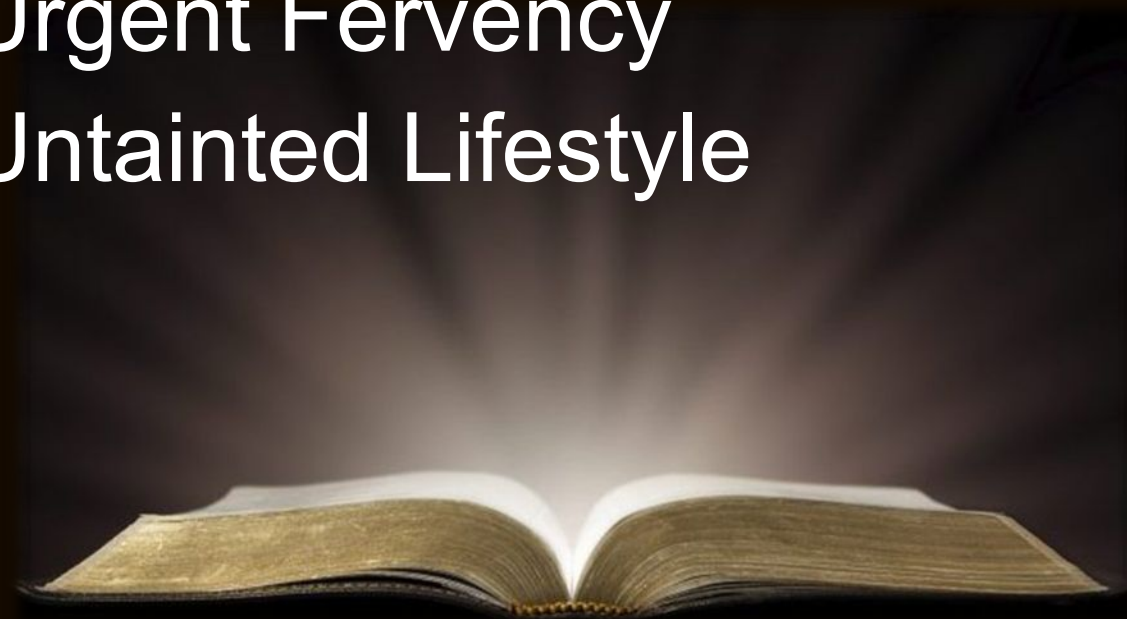
Living out Christ's Likeness

We have an obligation to ...

Unique Debt

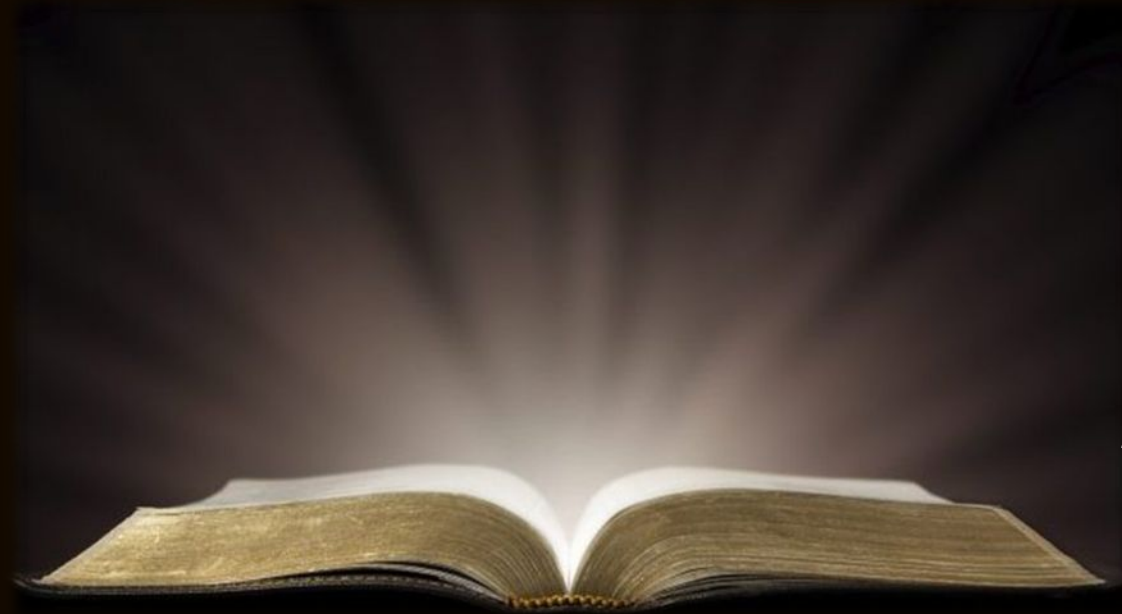
Urgent Fervency

Untainted Lifestyle



Unique Debt of Love

⁸ Owe no one anything *except to love one another,*



Romans 13

Unique Debt of Love

God's mercy

+

God's grace

+

Much more

Forgiveness - God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rom 5)



Unique Debt of Love

God's mercy

+

God's grace

+

Much more

Forgiveness - God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rom 5)

Reconciliation, Access to Him, Peace, Sonship, Eternal life, spiritual gifts and Holy Spirit (Rom 5, 8, 12)



Unique Debt of Love

God's mercy

+

God's grace

+

Much more

Forgiveness - God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Rom 5)

Reconciliation, Access to Him, Peace, Sonship, Eternal life, spiritual gifts and Holy Spirit (Rom 5, 8, 12)

Jesus & Holy Spirit interceding for us (Rom 8)



Unique Debt of Love

¹ ... *THEREFORE*, brethren, *by the mercies of God*, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.



Romans 12

Unique Debt of Love

⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.



Romans 5

Unique Debt of Love

³⁷ ... we are more than *conquerors through Him who loved us.*



Romans 8

Unique Debt of Love

⁸ ... for *he who loves another has fulfilled the law.* ⁹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Romans 13



Unique Debt of Love



God's law is the
desires of God's
heart.



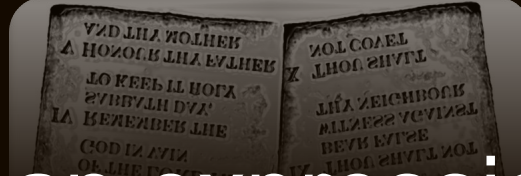
Unique Debt of Love

¹⁰ *Love does no harm to a neighbor;
therefore **love is the fulfillment of the law.***



Romans 13

Unique Debt of Love



The law is an expression of love.
So, **Love fulfils the law.**



Unique Debt of Love

*34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; **as I have loved you**, that you also love one another. 35 By this, all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*

John 13





Urgent Fervency

*¹¹ And do this, **knowing the time**, that now it is high time to **awake** out of sleep; for **now our salvation is nearer** than when we first believed.*

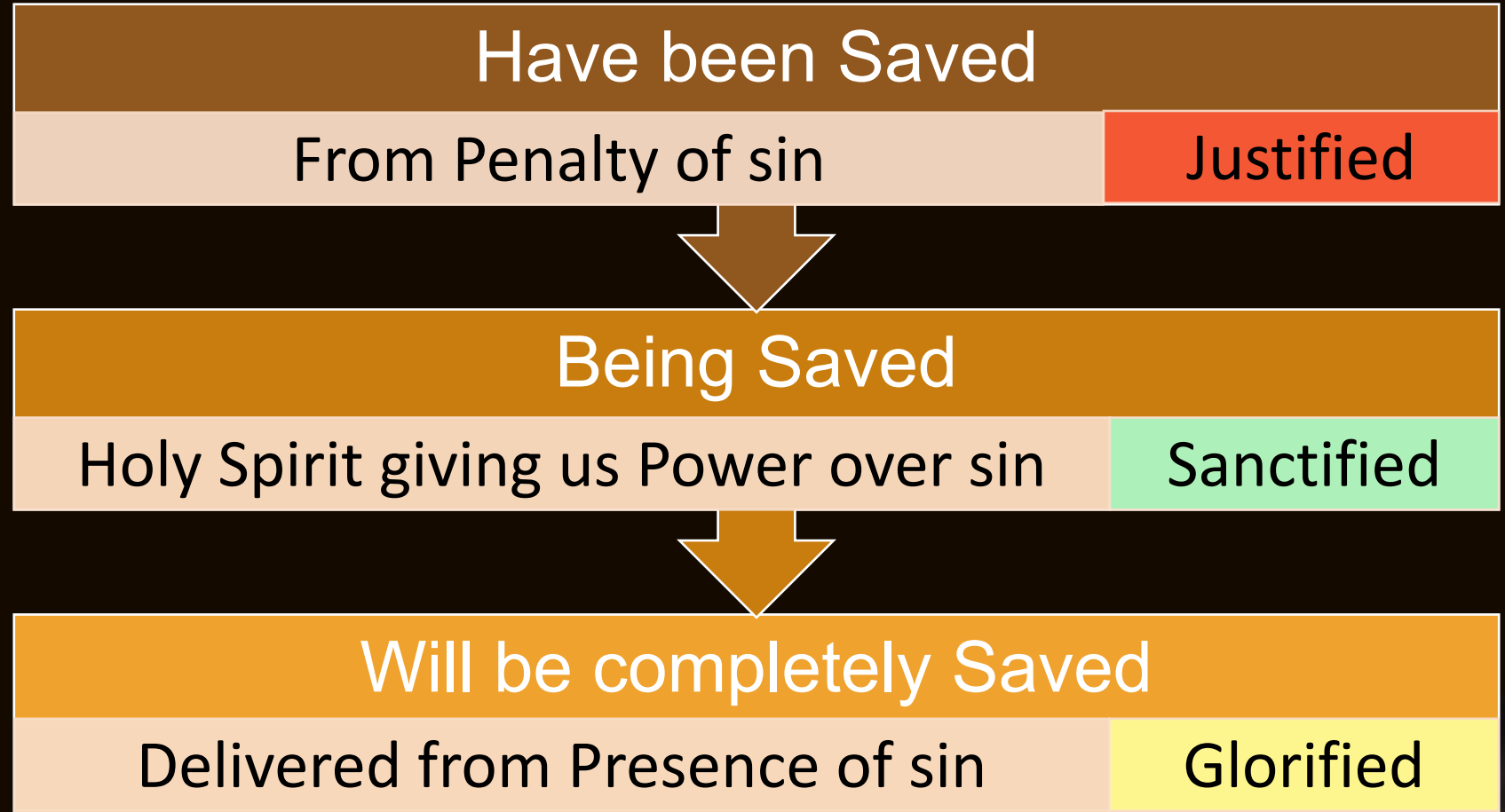
Romans 13





Urgent Fervency

Our Salvation





Urgent Fervency

¹² *The **night is far spent**, the day is at hand.*



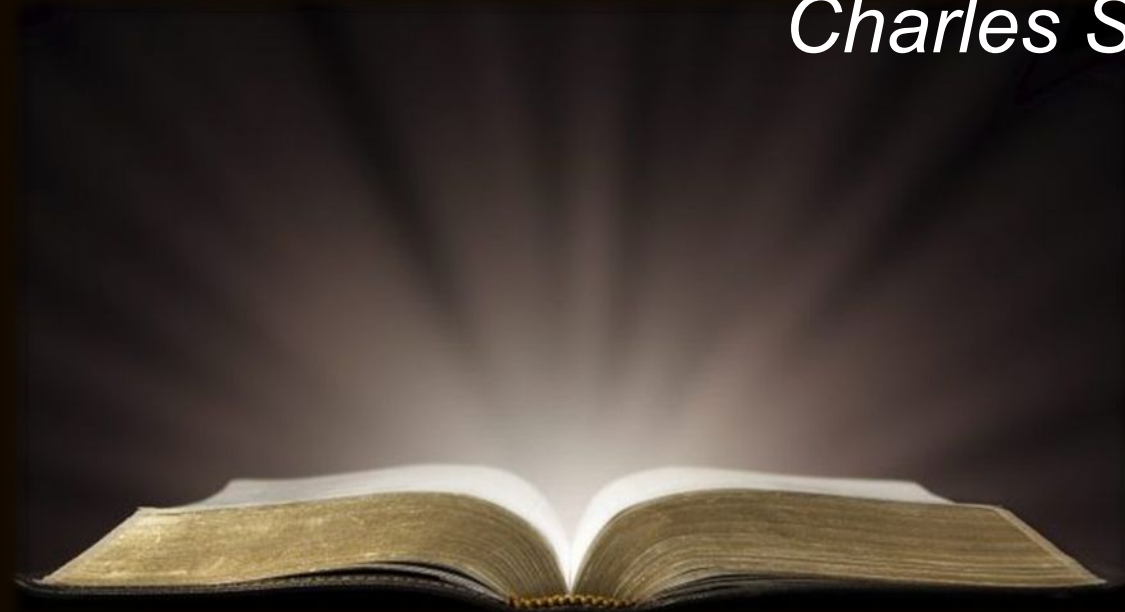
Romans 13



Urgent Fervency

*“Live for **ETERNAL** realities.”*

Charles Spurgeon





Urgent Fervency

¹² ... Therefore let us *cast off* the works of darkness, and let us *put on the armor of light*.



Romans 13



Urgent Fervency



Cast off
darkness





Urgent Fervency

*Put on the armour of
Light*



Cast off
darkness





Urgent Fervency

Put on Armour of Light

Choose intimacy with God

(let the Holy Spirit have more & more of me!)

→ purity on inside





Urgent Fervency





Urgent Fervency



Put on armour of light, **DAILY ...**

Choose intimacy with God

In Spirit

Worship Him with our surrender





Urgent Fervency



Put on armour of light, **DAILY ...**

Choose intimacy with God

In Spirit

Worship Him with our surrender

In Truth

Wait on our Lord with His Word





Urgent Fervency

⁹ ... you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who **called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;**

1 Peter 2



Untainted Lifestyle

¹³ Let us **walk properly**, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.



Romans 13

Untainted Lifestyle

Say **NO** to ...

- *“revelry and drunkenness”* = **self gratification**



Untainted Lifestyle

Say **NO** to ...

- *“revelry and drunkenness”* = **self gratification**
- *“lewdness and lust”* = **sexual immorality**



Untainted Lifestyle

Say **NO** to ...

- *“revelry and drunkenness” = self gratification*
- *“lewdness and lust” = sexual immorality*
- *“strife and envy” = “superiority”*



Untainted Lifestyle

Say **NO** to ...

- *“revelry and drunkenness”* = **self gratification**
- *“lewdness and lust”* = **sexual immorality**
- *“strife and envy”* = **“superiority”**

That lust of flesh, lust of eyes & pride of life!



Untainted Lifestyle

¹⁴ *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ ...*



Romans 13

Untainted Lifestyle

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ

Cultivate Christlike Character

→ identity seen on outside



Untainted Lifestyle

Let us put Him on as ...

★ *Lord = Master* (we are no longer our own master)



Untainted Lifestyle

Let us put Him on as ...

- ★ *Lord = Master* (we are no longer our own master)
- ★ *Jesus = Saviour* (we are justified)



Untainted Lifestyle

Let us put Him on as ...

- ★ *Lord = Master* (we are no longer our own master)
- ★ *Jesus = Saviour* (we are justified)
- ★ *Christ = Anointed One, Messiah,
Our Redeeming King* (we are redeemed,
anointed with His Holy Spirit to serve His purpose)



Untainted Lifestyle

Stop trying, Choose dying ... to self



Untainted Lifestyle

Stop trying, Choose dying ... to self

It is not "Christ and I"



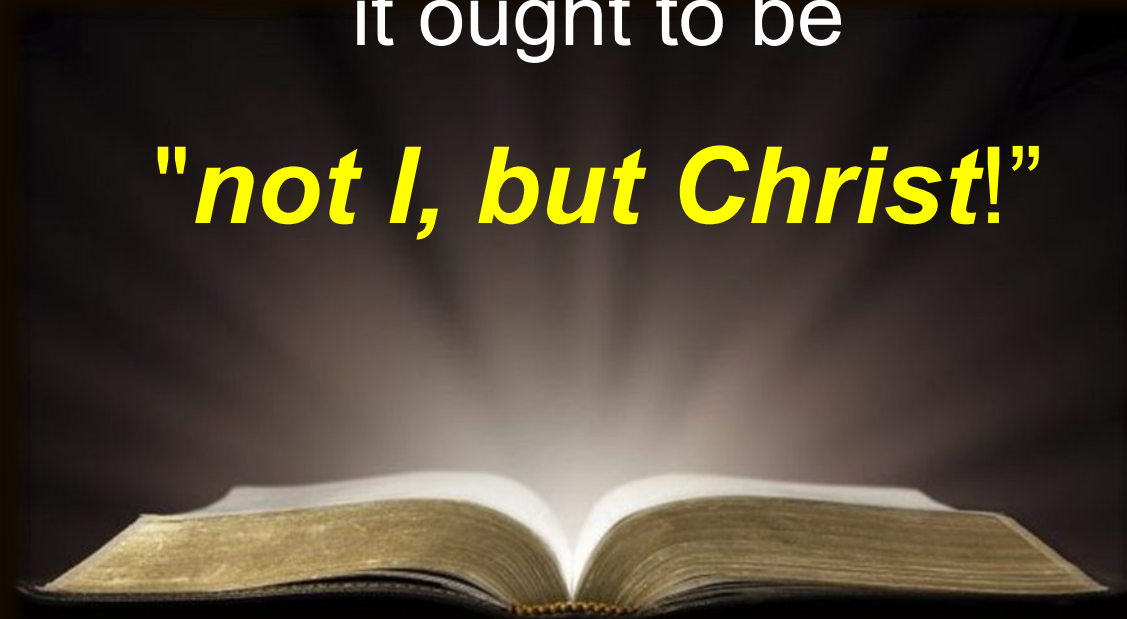
Untainted Lifestyle

Stop trying, Choose dying ... to self

It is not "*Christ and I*"

it ought to be

"not I, but Christ!"



Untainted Lifestyle

¹⁴ ... and *make no provision for the flesh,*
to fulfill its lusts.



Romans 13

Untainted Lifestyle

*⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and **we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.***

2 Corinthians 10

NIV



*“... you’re the only Jesus some will
ever see,
You’re the only Words of life some will
ever read,
Let them see in you, the One in whom
Is all they’ll ever need
Cause you’re the only Jesus some will
ever see*



Living out Christ's Likeness

Fulfilling our obligation to ...

Unique Debt to love one another



Living out Christ's Likeness

Fulfilling our obligation to ...

Unique Debt to love one another

Urgent Fervency to live holy



Living out Christ's Likeness

Fulfilling our obligation to ...

Unique Debt to love one another

Urgent Fervency to live holy

Untainted Lifestyle, for His Name's sake

