**Romans: “The just shall live by faith”**

***Living as a Christian in Society***

***Read:*** *Romans 13:8-14*

***Scripture and Key References:***

“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”

*~ Romans 13:14*

Leviticus 19:18 1 Corinthians 6:7-8 Matthew 5:38-42, 44 Matthew 5:38-42, 44 Ephesians 5:7-16 Colossians 4:5

***Introduction:***

 In Romans 13:1-7, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Paul taught us that Christians have a duty to support authorities whether in the family or society. He also showed that believers are to give respect and honor to whomever it is due. These obligations are in a sense a “debt” that Christians simply mut pay. And according to Romans 13:8-14 our obligations to society are a part of a greater debt that the Gospel places upon Christians – the “debt” of love.

***Discussion and Review Questions:***

1. What is Paul’s meaning when he writes, “Owe no one anything except to love one another?” Is he saying we should have no other debt period? And who are we to love? Look in the surrounding context for answers.
2. The “debt” to love “one another” is a continuing debt we can never repay. Have you neglected this obligation in any relationships, especially in the church? Have you assumed that your debt was fulfilled?
3. Take some time to think about how you might be spiritually “lulled to sleep” in the world. Why should the 2nd coming of Christ give us urgency in our efforts to pursue Christ and reach others with the Gospel?
4. Saint Augustine said that Romans 13:13-14 were the verses that God used to convert Him to Christianity. Take 5 minutes and research Augustine of Hippo on the internet. Why do you think God used this verses in His life?
5. What would change in your life today if you imagined that Jesus was standing in front of you, and you “clothed” yourself with Christ?