

The Debt of Love
Romans 13:8–10

Christians have a debt of love that is owed to all.

Owe no one anything

- This command does not forbid borrowing or having debt.
- This command does forbid being delinquent - **Psalm 37:21 The wicked borrows and does not repay, But the righteous shows mercy and gives.**
- Do not fail to meet your obligations of debt including: civil, legal, societal, financial, family, moral, and spiritual.

except to love one another,

- Do not live in such a way that we owe others a sin debt, but live in such a way that we only owe them a love debt.
- Love is a debt that can never be completely paid but must be continuously paid.
- Christians have a permanent obligation to love others.

for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

- No one can fully perform the works of the law without incurring a sin debt - **Romans 3:19–20; 7:14; Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT CONTINUE IN ALL THINGS WHICH ARE WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO DO THEM."**
- Love is the righteous way to do the law.

For the commandments, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY," "YOU SHALL NOT MURDER," "YOU SHALL NOT STEAL," "YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS," "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."

- The Ten Commandments are divided into two tablets. The first five commandments are the righteous obligation toward God and the second five commandments are the righteous obligation toward man.
- All the laws that cover our righteous obligation to others are brought together into one main commandment (Leviticus 19:18)
- Love everyone even enemies - **Matthew 5:43–47**
- Love limits liberty - **Galatians 5:13–14**
- Love is unbiased - **James 2:8–9**
- Love outranks the other commandments - **Matthew 22:34–40**

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

- Law is negative and meant to prevent violating and defrauding one another.
- Love always considers the needs of others and puts others ahead of self.
- Love is the whole content and the ultimate purpose of the law.

The Christian life can be summed up in loving God and loving others. Can we do that?

1 John 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.

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WELCOME

As a body of believers, we are unified under the absolute authority and sufficiency of Scripture. We exist to equip the saints through preaching, teaching, and biblical discipleship which results in genuine worship, progressive sanctification, the exercise of spiritual gifts in Christian service, and evangelization of the lost. In everything, our goal and desire is to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and bring glory to God.

We, the families of the Village Bible Church do lovingly welcome you to this fellowship with us in the blessings of the Gospel.

Announcements

Hymn #111 And Can It Be?

Greeting

Hymn #116 The Wonder of It All

Offering

Hymn #248 O How I Love Jesus

Message

Hymn #431 Servant's Heart

*As we leave this place, we are entering the Mission Field—
May the Lord find us Faithful!*

FAMILY INFORMATION

Our goal is to promote families worshipping together. We believe children learn much from sharing the worship experience with adults. Please be considerate of others and keep children in their seats and as quiet as possible. Pews in the rear of the Sanctuary are reserved for families with small children.

Cry room – Back of Sanctuary

Nursery 6 mo. – 3 yrs.

Bethanne/Kandi

TONIGHT 6PM

Prayer Service

WEDNESDAY 7PM

Bible Study/Kids Club

SATURDAY 9:00AM

Church Work/Clean Day

**Therefore,
having been JUSTIFIED
by FAITH we have PEACE
with God through our
Lord Jesus Christ**
Romans 5:1

Missionary of the Month

Isaiah and Rosanna Peterson

The Petersons and their daughter Tirzah live and serve in Cusco, Peru.

They are very involved in the local churches there; helping with church planting, building projects, children's ministries, and more. Isaiah is working on Bible translation as well as teaching seminary classes. He regularly explores the jungles and surrounding areas to do research on the many languages there and work with the pastors who desire to have the Word of God easily accessible in their language.

The Petersons serve under Baptist Mid-Missions, and their sending church is in Iowa.

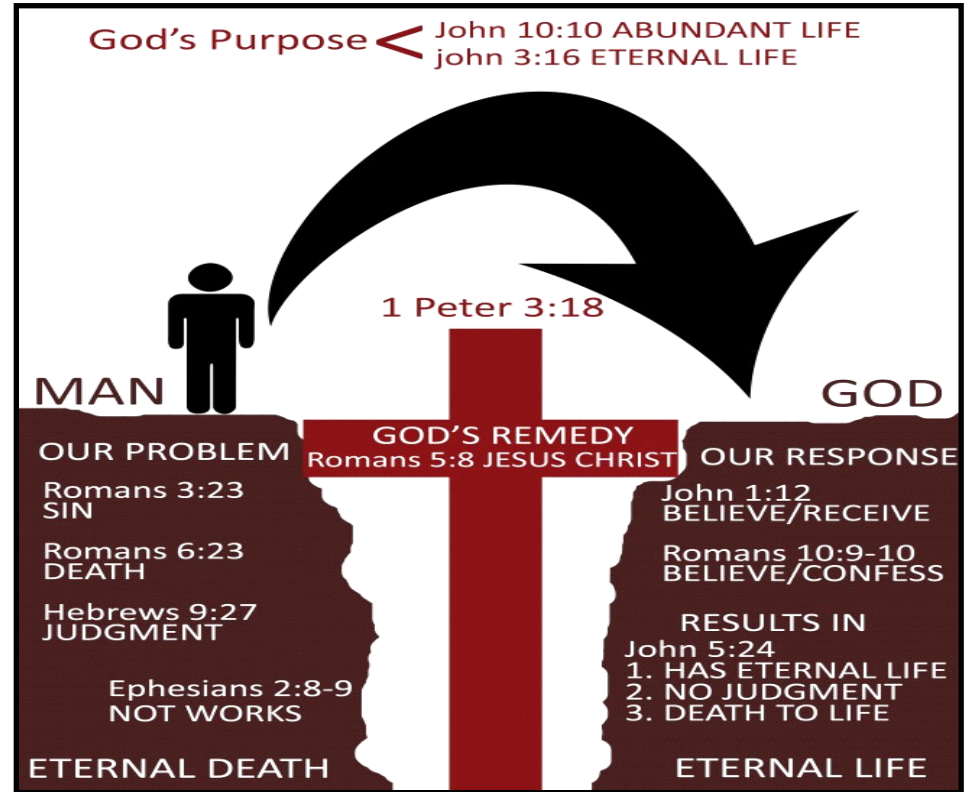
If you would like to give a special gift to this ministry this month, feel free to put it in the offering plate marked accordingly.

October 23, 2022

Pastor JJ Sexton

Village Bible Church

Our Mission is to Preach the Word and to Love the People
"that we may present every man complete in Christ Jesus"



Sunday Morning Sunday School
 Sunday Morning Worship Service
 Sunday Evening Prayer Service
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study
 Services available for all ages

9:30 a.m.
 10:45 a.m.
 6:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m.

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*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have
 everlasting life." John 3:16*