

**Romans 13:10-14 • Beholding And Loving**  
*From The Deep End To The Shallow End*

Romans 12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, **by the mercies of God**, to **present your bodies** as a living sacrifice, **holy and acceptable to God**, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that by **testing you may discern** what is the **will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect**.

Romans 12:9 **Let love be genuine**. Abhor what is **evil**; hold fast to what is **good**.

Romans 12:10 **Love one another** with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

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"It is a Christian duty, as you know, for everyone to be as happy as he can."

**C. S. Lewis**

*God in seeking his glory seeks the good of his creatures, because the emanation of his glory . . . implies the . . . happiness of his creatures. And in communicating his fullness for them, he does it for himself, because their good, which he seeks, is so much in union and communion with himself. God is their good. Their excellency and happiness is nothing but the emanation and expression of God's glory. God, in seeking their glory and happiness, seeks himself, and in seeking himself, i.e. himself diffused . . . he seeks their glory and happiness.*

**Jonathan Edwards**

- God's passion for his own glory and **his passion for my joy in him are not at odds**.
- Therefore, **God is as committed to my eternal and ever-increasing joy in him as he is to his own glory**.
- The love of God for sinners is not his making much of them, but **his graciously freeing and empowering them to enjoy making much of him**.
- All true virtue among human beings must **aim at bringing people to rejoice in the glory of God**.
- It also follows that **sin is the suicidal exchange of the glory of God for the broken cisterns of created things**.

- Heaven will be a **never-ending, ever-increasing discovery of more and more of God's glory with greater and ever-greater joy in him.**

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then to love my neighbor as myself  
is to want my neighbor to behold the glory of God.*

Psalms 106:20 They **exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass.**

2Corinthians 4:4 In their case the **god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**

*An inability to see God's glory condemns one to a lack of joy.*

John 12:43 for they loved the **glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.**

“We want it, we need it. Must have the precious.”

**J.R.R. Tolkien**

1Peter 1:24 for “All flesh is like grass and **all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls...**

John 11:40 Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that **if you believed you would see the glory of God?**”

2Corinthians 3:18 And we all, with unveiled face, **beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed** into the same image from one degree of glory to another. **For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.**

Romans 13:8 Owe no one anything, **except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.**

Romans 13:9 For **the commandments**, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, **are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”**

Romans 13:10 **Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.**

Loving another = fulfilling the law  
Summary of all the commandments = Love your neighbor as yourself  
Love = not doing wrong to a neighbor  
Therefore: Loving another = fulfilling the law

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John 4:28 So the woman **left her water jar** and went away into town and said to the people,

John 4:29 **“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”**

Psalms 37:4 Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

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Romans 13:11 **Besides this you know the time**, that the **hour** has come for you to **wake from sleep**. For **salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed**.

Romans 13:12 The **night is far gone**; the day is at hand. So then let us **cast off the works of darkness** and **put on the armor of light**.

Romans 13:13 Let us **walk properly** as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Romans 13:14 But **put on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make **no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires**.

*Love your neighbor instead of committing adultery, murdering, stealing, coveting, participating in orgies, drunkenness, sexual, immorality, sensuality, quarreling and being jealousy.*

*In order to be able to do this you have to cast off something and put in something.*

Romans 6:7 For one who has died **has been set free from sin.**

Romans 6:22 But now that **you have been set free from sin** and have become slaves of God, **the fruit** you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

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1Peter 4:1 Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, **arm yourselves with the same way of thinking**, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,

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*1Peter 2:21 For to this you have been called, because **Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.***

*1Peter 2:22 **He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.***

*1Peter 2:23 When he was **reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but (key) continued entrusting himself to him** who judges justly.*

*1Peter 1:13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, **set your hope (key) fully on the grace** that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*

*1Peter 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to **abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.***

*1Peter 5:8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. **Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.***

*1Peter 5:9 **Resist him, firm in your faith**, knowing that the same kinds of **suffering** are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.*

*1Peter 5:10 And **after** you have **suffered a little while**, the **God of all grace**, who has called you to his **eternal glory in Christ**, will himself **restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.***

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1Peter 4:2 so as to live for the **rest of the time** in the flesh **no longer for human passions but for the will of God**.

1Peter 4:3 For **the time that is past** suffices for **doing what the Gentiles want to do**, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.

1Peter 4:4 With respect to this they are surprised **when you do not join them** in the same flood of debauchery, and **they malign you**;

1Peter 4:5 but they will **give account to him** who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

1Peter 4:6 For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might **live in the spirit the way God does**.

1Peter 4:7 **The end of all things is at hand**; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers.

1Peter 4:8 Above all, **keep loving one another earnestly**, since love covers a multitude of sins.

1Peter 4:9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.

1Peter 4:10 As each has received a **gift**, use it to **serve one another**, as good stewards of **God's varied grace**:

1Peter 4:11 whoever **speaks**, as one who speaks **oracles of God**; whoever **serves**, as one **who serves by the strength that God supplies**—in order **that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ**. To him **belong glory and dominion** forever and ever. Amen.

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