

**A Call for Christians to Love One Another**  
*Romans 13:8-10 (p. #948 in Pew Bible)*

**BIG IDEA:** Obey God's Word by biblically loving others.

**I. Biblical Christian love \_\_\_\_\_ God's righteous law and bears \_\_\_\_\_ fruit for God's glory. (13:8b)**

- *Deuteronomy 6:5; Leviticus 19:17-18; Mark 12:28-34*
- *"has fulfilled" – Perfect tense = completed action that has continuing/ongoing results*

**II. Biblical Christian love fulfills \_\_\_\_\_ command that God has given regarding human relationships. (13:9)**

- *Luke 10:25-37*

**III. Biblical Christian love is never a \_\_\_\_\_ to others because it fulfills God's Word. (13:10)**

- *Growing, maturing, and deepening in our love for God and for others is a lifelong reality of the Christian life.*
- *John Calvin on Paul's salvation and sanctification: "The wolf became a sheep and then a shepherd."*
- *John Calvin on pastors: "A pastor needs two voices, one for gathering the sheep and the other for driving away wolves and thieves."*

**Observations and Application**

1. Jesus Christ lovingly, willingly, and sacrificially gave His life for us so that we could come to true salvation through faith in Him.
  - *Romans 5:1-8*
2. Following Jesus means that we must obey His call to love one another—just as He loved us—with sacrificial love.
  - *John 15:13-17*
  - *Romans 12:9-10; 13:8*
3. Nothing will separate Christians from the love of God.
  - *Romans 8:35-39*
4. Christians must never let circumstances or people separate them from God's call to love their neighbor for God's glory.
  - *John 15:13-17*
5. Loving one's neighbor also includes showing God's holy love to all government leaders and political candidates.
  - *Titus 3:1-7*
  - *Romans 13:1-7*
  - *1 Peter 2:17*
6. Genuinely ask God to help you to biblically love others—and get ready to see Him answer that prayer!
  - *Ephesians 5:1-2*