



Week's Aim: *The Gospel's Power to Heal the World* – The Transformed Life

Topic for Day 1: Overview of Romans 13:1-14

1. What are at least three responsibilities a believer has towards society according to this chapter?
2. How many directives does Paul give in this chapter? Identify the verses and the directive.
3. What are some attributes of God that you see demonstrated in these verses?

Application 1: What will you apply to your life this week from the sermon? How will you do that?

Topic for Day 2: A life transformed submits to the governing authorities. - 13:1-4

1. Use a dictionary and write the definition for the word "submit."
2. Why is it necessary for "everyone" (13:1) to submit to governing authorities?
3. Why was it ok for Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego (**Daniel 3**) and Daniel (**Daniel 6**) to not submit to the authority over them? Why was it ok for Peter and the apostles to disobey the Sanhedrin? (**Acts 5:25-29**)
4. From the answers to the above question, when is it proper for a Christian to not obey the governing authority? Could you share an instance where you had to question some authority over you because of your faith?

Application 2: What will you do today to show others that you obey those in authority over you?

Topic for Day 3: A life transformed deals honestly with the governing authorities. - 13:5-7

1. What are the reasons Paul gives for submitting to the authorities (13:5)? Using a dictionary, write the definition for the word "conscience."
2. What is the example Jesus gives about paying taxes in **Luke 20:22-25**? What are your thoughts about Jesus' statement?

3. Honor and respect are to be shown to a variety of people. Identify those we are to honor and respect in the following verses: **Exodus 20:12; Leviticus 19:32; John 5:22-23; 1 Timothy 5:17; 1 Timothy 6:15b-16; 1 Peter 2:13-17.**

Application 3: With whom will you demonstrate honor and respect to today? How will you do that?

Topic for Day 4: A life transformed loves his or her neighbors. - 13:8-10

1. Paul warns (**13:8**) to not let any debt remain outstanding. What does **Proverbs 22:7** say about the relationship of borrower and the lender? What does **Exodus 22:25-27** show you about the lender's responsibility to the borrower?

2. Paul identifies a debt from which a Christian is never freed (**13:8**), what is it and why is it so? Give scriptures to support your answer (if you can).

3. Identify some ways you can love the following people:

Family members:

Your friends:

Your neighbors:

People in our church:

People in our society in general:

Those in need both physically and spiritually throughout the world:

Application 4: How will you demonstrate love to those around you today? Who do you know specifically that needs a kind word from you? How will you fulfill that need?

Topic for Day 5: A life transformed moves towards Christ likeness. - 13:11-14

1. Why do you think Paul says "*wake up from your slumber*" (**13:11**) and then mentions the word "salvation?" How do you see Christians slumbering today?

2. What do you think Paul means by the two words (**13:12**) "*night*" and "*day*?" How does Paul tell believers to prepare each day in **Ephesians 6:10-18**?

3. We certainly understand the deeds of darkness by now, but what does Paul mean when he says to (**13:14**) "*to clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ*?" Use **Galatians 3:27** to help you answer the question.

Application 5: What will you do today to clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ, and move towards Christ likeness?