

# ***LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOUR***

Romans 13:8-10, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15,21-23

## ***Why we should love our neighbour?***

### **1. Fulfilment of the Law**

John 13: 34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

Romans 13: 8b For whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

John 13: 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

## ***How to love our neighbour?***

### **1. An Unpaid Debt**

Romans 13: 8a Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another.

### **2. Does no Harm**

Exodus 20: 16 You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

Romans 13: 10 Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

### **3. Love them as Yourself**

Romans 13: 9b You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.

Romans 13: 10 and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbour as yourself.

Matthews 5: 43-44

You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbour and hate your enemy.’

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

## ***QUESTIONS FOR APPLICATION***

1. Share what you understand by love is the fulfillment of the law. What is one thing that you are convicted to do to show love to your 'neighbour'.
2. Share what you understand by 'love your neighbour as yourself'. What debt of love do we owe?