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Fulfilling Love

Romans 13:8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law.

We all understand what it is to owe something to someone. It's almost always a burden that we carry because we want something; so we get a car on payments or buy a house with a mortgage. This debt remains outstanding until we pay it off. Paul makes a statement here by saying in a sense, there is nothing more important to owe than to owe love to one another.

I dare say we might feel our debts weigh us down or keep us from being able to do other things that we want to do. But the interesting thing about love is this; it never weighs us down or holds us in bondage, but instead sets us free. When we give love to others because of the love we've received, it allows us to live in freedom from bitterness, rage, anger, etc. We can give love freely. Matt. 10:8b - Freely you have received; freely give.

The love that we receive from God costs us nothing, but it cost Him everything. As the song says: He paid a debt He did not owe, I owed a debt I could not pay, I needed someone to wash my sins away. And now I sing a brand new song, Amazing Grace all day long, Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay.

Because of what God has done for us, the only thing we owe is to continue to love one another. As we do this, we fulfill the law of love. Would you join others around you and show love no matter what the cost? Freely you have received, freely give.

Father, thank You for the gift of love that You gave through Your Son Jesus. It costs us nothing, but it cost You everything. Thank You so much! Help me to give love freely to everyone You bring into my path. In Jesus Name, Amen.