

Sermon Discussion Questions, July 11, 2010,
A Simple Christian Ethic that Works in All Situations, Dr. Rod MacIrvine
Romans 13:8-14

1. Why is it important to rise above self in our daily lives? Is this easy or hard for you? How does this affect the “me generation?”
2. What relationships in the Christian life do Romans 13:8-14 and 1 Peter 2:11 address? How should believers conduct themselves? Is it easy or hard to live according to God’s Word when you are in the world around unbelievers? Explain your answer.
3. How would you describe the tone and nature of the command in Romans 13:8? What kind of love forms our ethic for dealing with the world (Mark 12:28-33, Deut.6:4, Lev.19:18)? How do differing worldviews affect an individual’s concept about love? How would a wrong worldview affect the quality of love? How should the Great Commandment permeate each area of your life?
4. How did Jesus illustrate the term “neighbor” (read Luke 10:30-37)? How have you lived this out in your own life? Has there ever been a time when you did not extend this kind of love? If yes how, if not why didn’t you? What lessons did you learn as a result?
5. Read Exodus 32:15-16 with Mark 12:28-33, Deuteronomy 6:4, and Leviticus 19:18. How do the Ten Commandments line up with the Great Commandment? What does the last commandment address? Why is this important in regard to love?
6. What hard thing have you had to do in your daily life and were you able to do that in love? How did Jesus model this concept? How did Jesus set boundaries in His daily life?
7. What insight and command is in Romans 13:11-12? Where in your life have you become complacent? How do Paul’s words, “the night is far spent” make you feel? Do you agree with his words, if so what do you need to do as a result?
8. What does Paul tell us to put off and what does he tell us to put on in verses 12b and 13b? If we do these things, then describe what kind of life the world would see? What practical things would you do as a result of putting on the Lord Jesus Christ? How would you treat others and what might be the result of your obedience?