WHAT WE BELIEVE & HOW WE BEHAVE—32

"What Difference Does All This Make In My Life?"—Romans 12:1—15:33

"It Makes A Difference in Our Daily Life"

Romans 13:8-14

Introduction:_____

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I. FIRST, IT SHOULD MAKE A DIFFERENC IN OUR DAILY LIFE TOWARD THE LORD'S *COMMANDMENTS* (Romans 13:8-10).

A. First, there is the Lord's commandment related to *debt* (13:8).

1. First, we should pay our financial *obligations* (13:8a).

2. Secondly, we should work at, but never fully repay, our debt toward *others* (13:8b).

3. Thirdly, as Christians, loving others continually fulfills God's *ordinances* or law (13:8c).

B. Secondly, there are commandments related to *duty*. (13:9).

1. First, Paul *explains* that adultery is not love (13:9a).

2. Secondly, he *expresses* that murder is not love (13:9a).

3. Thirdly, he *exposes* the fact that stealing is not love (13:9c).

4. Fourthly, he *exhibits* clearly that coveting is not love (13:9d).

C. Thirdly, there is the commandment related to *desire* (13:9c-10).

II. SECONDLY, IT SHOULD MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR DAILY LIFE TOWARD THE LORD'S *COMING* (Romans 13:11-14).

A. First, the difference in our lives will be our duty to *watch* with vigilance (13:11).

1. First, we are to watch will vigilance the *seasons* 13:11a).

2. Secondly, we are to watch with vigilance for *sleep* (13:11b).

3. Thirdly, we are to watch with vigilance for the_____ (13:11c).

B. Secondly, the difference in our lives will be our duty to _____ energetically (13:12).

1. First, we wise up when we recognize that it is a _____ (13:12a).

2. Secondly, we wise up when we realize that it is a time for a _____ (13:12b).

C. Thirdly, the difference in our lives will be the duty to _____ tirelessly (13:13).

1. First, our tireless walk should be a _____ one (13:13a).

2. Secondly, our tireless walk should NOT be a _____ one (13:13b).

a. First, we should cast off the _____ sins (13:13a).

b. Secondly, we should cast off the _____ sins (13:13c).

c. Thirdly, we should cast off the _____ sins (13:13d).

A. Fourthly, the difference in our lives will be the duty to _____ patiently (13:14).

1. First, our patient wait should be with our being properly _____ (13:14a).

2. Secondly, our patient wait should be with our purposefully _____ (13:14b).

CONCLUSION: Let's rap up this portion of Scripture by reminding ourselves of Paul's exhortation, warning and encouragement. Note these reminders:

1. **We need to be reminded that we do not belong in the _____.**

2. **We need to be reminded that Jesus is _____ _____*!***

3. **We need to be reminded that we are in a _____.**