



Series: Live by Faith Together

Title: Being a Kingdom Citizen

Scripture: Romans 13:8-14

2026 Theme Verses *May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Romans 15:5-7*

January Scripture Memory: *“Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.” Romans 13:8*

1. We overcome evil with good by bringing the love and faith of Christ in the cities we live in. (Romans 12:18-21; 13:3-5, 8-10)
We love by:
 - a. Being in the world but not of the world (we do not bow to worldly values) (Romans 12:2; John 17:14-16; Jeremiah 29:1-4)
 - b. Build homes and settle down (Jeremiah 29:5a)
 - c. Invest in the community (Jeremiah 29:5b)
 - d. Marry and have sons and daughters (Jeremiah 29:6a)
 - e. Multiply your numbers and values, not decrease (Jeremiah 29:6b)
 - f. Keep your identity in Christ, not be deceived (Jeremiah 29:6b, 8)
 - g. Seek the “peace,” the shalom, of the city (Jeremiah 29:7)
 - h. Pray for and pursue the harmony and prosperity of the city (Jeremiah 29:7)
2. We fulfill the Law (10 Commandments) when we love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. (vs. 8-10; John 14:15-17)
 - a. The 10 Commandments are more than guidelines, they are love-lines (Keller).
 - b. The debt of loving others is never paid in full. You are never done loving others.
 - c. The cost for loving others is never exhausted. You are drawing from the unlimited love of God.

3. We love by avoiding two extremely dangerous heresies. (vs. 11-14)
 - a. To live in isolation from the world
 - b. To live no different than the world
4. We love best by putting on the armor of light. (vs. 11-14)
 - a. Wake up to our identity in Christ: we are Kingdom citizens
 - b. Wake up to what we must do as Kingdom citizens
 - i. Cast off the works of darkness
 - ii. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:16-17, Col. 3:12-17)
 - iii. Make no provision for our fleshly desires (John 17:17; Col. 3:1-4)