

Romans Lesson #25

BSF Scripture Reading:

FIRST DAY:

1. Lecture principles:
2. Read the lesson notes

SECOND DAY:

Read Romans 13:8-10; Romans 12:9-21; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

Romans:13:8-10; [8] Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. [9] The commandments, “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” [10] Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 12:9-21; [9] Love must be sincere. * Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. * [10] Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. * Honor one another above yourselves. * [11] Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, * serving the Lord. [12] Be joyful in hope, * patient in affliction, * faithful in prayer. * [13] Share with God's people who are in need. * Practice hospitality. *

[14] Bless those who persecute you; * bless and do not curse. [15] Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. * [16] Live in harmony with one another. * Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. * Do not be conceited. *

[17] Do not repay anyone evil for evil. * Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. * [18] If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. * [19] Do not take revenge, * my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” ** says the Lord. [20] On the contrary:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.” **

[21] Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

1 Corinthians 13:1-8; [4:1] So then, men ought to regard us as servants * of Christ and as those entrusted * with the secret things * of God. [2] Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. [3] I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. [4] My conscience * is clear, but that does not make me innocent. * It is the Lord who judges me. * [5] Therefore judge nothing * before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. * He will bring to light * what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God. *

[6] Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, “Do not go beyond what is written.” * Then you will not take pride in one man over against another. * [7] For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? * And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

[8] Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! * You have become kings—and that without us! How I wish that you really had become kings so that we might be kings with you!

THIRD DAY

Read Romans 13: 11-12

[11] And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. [12] The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

Question 8

Galatians 1:4; [4] who gave himself for our sins * to rescue us from the present evil age, * according to the will of our God and Father, *

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Luke 19:44; [44] They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. * They will not leave one stone on another, * because you did not recognize the time of God's coming * to you.”

FOURTH DAY

Read Romans 13:12-14

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FIFTH DAY:

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Question 13

Ephesians 6:10-18; [10] Finally, be strong in the Lord * and in his mighty power. * [11] Put on the full armor of God * so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. [12] For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, * but against the rulers, against the authorities, * against the powers * of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. * [13] Therefore put on the full armor of God, * so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. [14] Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, * with the breastplate of righteousness in place, * [15] and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. * [16] In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, * with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. * [17] Take the helmet of salvation * and the sword of the Spirit, * which is the word of God. * [18] And pray in the Spirit * on all occasions * with all kinds of prayers and requests. * With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying * for all the saints.

Galatians 5:22-23; [22] But the fruit * of the Spirit is love, * joy, peace, * patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. * Against such things there is no law.

Question 14

John 8:12; [12] When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am * the light of the world. * Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” *

1 John 1:5-7; [5] This is the message we have heard * from him and declare to you: God is light; * in him there is no darkness at all. [6] If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, * we lie and do not live by the truth. * [7] But if we walk in the light, * as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all * sin. *

SIXTH DAY

Read Romans 13:8-14

Love, for the Day Is Near

[8] Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. [9] The commandments, “Do not commit adultery,” “Do not murder,” “Do not steal,” “Do not covet,” and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” [10] Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

[11] And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. [12] The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. [13] Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. [14] Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.