

Romans 13:8-14 ...

(1) SELL OUT to the love of God and the plan of God, 13:8-10.

(2) WAKE UP to the drama of the day of God, 13:11-12.

(3) WALK IN the daylight and put on Jesus, 13:13-14.

Live in the Day!

- (Mark 13:32 ESV) But **concerning that day** or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.
- (John 6:44 ESV) No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up **on the last day**.
- (Romans 2:16 ESV) **On that day** when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.
- (1 Corinthians 3:13 ESV) Each one's work will become manifest, **for the Day will disclose it**, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.
- (Ephesians 4:30 ESV) And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for **the day of redemption**.
- (1 Thessalonians 5:2 ESV) For you yourselves are fully aware that **the day of the Lord** will come like a thief in the night.

An Open Letter to Society ...

Dear Friends & Fellow Travelers on This Earth,

This is my promissory note, so to speak, to society at large per instructions in the holy writings of God. I owe you my love which means, as I understand the concept in God's terms, that I owe you my life. This never-ending "debt" is owed to any and all whose lives intertwine and intersect with mine. Jesus calls you my neighbors. So even though we live in a hurried, hurtful and often harsh world, by the grace of God and the Word of God, I will with the measure of faith that God gives live the love he calls me to.

So to you, and before God, I commit these things.

I will not forget love. (Because if I forget love my voice will become only more noise in an already noisy world, my knowledge will speak to nothing meaningful and my sacrifice futility.)

I will remember love. I will be patient. I will be kind. I will not allow jealousy to poison my relationship with you. I will not hide my insecurities in bragging and boasting.

I will hate rudeness and embrace gentleness and respect for all. I will not be self-seeking. I will not be a petulant, demanding child. I will not be angry even when you are.

I will never keep a list of the mean things that you do. I will never take pleasure in wrongdoing. I will always rejoice when truth wins the day.

I will never give up. I will never stop believing. I will never stop hoping. I will endure.

I will remember love, and I will not fail because I have the promise of God.

Signed _____