

Bible Study for November 21-27, 2022

Read: Romans 13:8-14

Notes:

If you want to attempt to explain the thinking behind Christianity, there is no better place to start than the book of Romans. While Paul never made it to Rome until he was arrested and sent there by the authorities, apparently the congregation was begun by some faithful Christians who may have been present on the day of Pentecost. Having heard about this congregation, it seems that Paul had written this letter a few years before arriving there, assuring them that we can have a right standing before God because of Christ's sacrifice, and our confidence in this is not because of what we have done, but due to what God has done for us.

In this book, Paul essentially looks at what it means to believe in Christ and what the implications of Jesus life, death, and resurrection mean for us. What does it mean for us that Jesus saves? What's behind all this, and what does it mean for our lives?

The section we are looking at this week is a reminder to put aside all earthly desires and love each other, for we do not know when Christ will return.

Questions to Ponder:

Do you feel more comfortable in dress clothes, pyjamas, or grubbies? Why?

How does the law help us know what it means to love?

How does this differ from popular notions of what love is about?

What does the "clothing" in verse 14 mean to you?

How might your life be different if you consciously tried to "wear" the clothing of God's love?