Romans 13:7 (NLT)

Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority.

Romans 13:8, 10 (NLT)

Owe nothing to anyone - except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law. ...¹⁰ Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law.

Romans 13:11- 12 (NLT)

This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed... ¹² The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here...

Are we IN the LAST Days?

Romans 13:8-14

Romans 12:18 (NIV)

If it is possible,
as far as it depends on YOU,
live at PEACE with everyone.

Romans 12:21 (NIV)

Do **NOT** be overcome by evil,
but **overcome EVIL with GOOD**.

In light of the END of the Age,
believers should honor their civil rulers,
fulfill the Law of Love,
and Walk in the Light of their
Salvation IN Christ.

Galatians 5:14 (HCS)

For the entire law is **FULFILLED**in one statement:

LOVE your NEIGHBOR as yourself.

James 2:8 (NIV)

If you really keep the Royal Law found in Scripture,

Love your Neighbor AS yourself, you are doing right.

Jesus does not leave loopholes in the Law of Love.

Whenever **love** demands it, we are to go beyond human legal requirements and **IMITATE** the **God of Love**.

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Luke 10:28-29 (NIV)
You have answered correctly,
Jesus replied. Do THIS and you will live.
²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, **And who is my neighbor**?

Luke 10:36-37 (NIV)

Which of these three do you think

was a neighbor to the man who fell
into the hands of robbers?

37 The expert in the law replied,

The one who had MERCY on him.

Jesus told him, Go and DO likewise.

Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)

12 Therefore, as God's chosen people,
holy and dearly loved,
CLOTHE yourselves
with compassion, kindness, humility,

gentleness and patience.

Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)

¹³ **BEAR** with each other and **forgive** whatever **grievances** you may have against one another.

FORGIVE AS the Lord FORGAVE you.

¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on LOVE,

which **binds** them all together in perfect unity.

The end of all things is near.

Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray.

8 Above all, LOVE each other deeply, because LOVE covers over a multitude of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14 (NIV)

For He has RESCUED us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves,

14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Demonstrating in our <u>outward</u> **Behavior** - the <u>inner</u> **Reality** of a **Redeemed Life**.

MacArthur

11 ...The hour has come for you to WAKE UP from your slumber, because our salvation is NEARER now than when we first believed.

Titus 2:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ For the **GRACE of God** that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

¹² It teaches us to say NO to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Titus 2:13 (NIV)

¹³ while we **WAIT**...

for the **blessed Hope** -

the **glorious appearing** of our great **God** and **Savior**, Jesus Christ,

11 For the GRACE of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.
 12 It teaches us to say NO to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,
 13 while we WAIT...

13 while we WAIT for the blessed hope the **glorious** appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Romans 13:11 (JBP)

Why all this stress on behavior?
Because, as I think you have realized,
the present time is of the highest importance it is time to WAKE UP to reality.

Every day brings God's salvation nearer.

Romans 13:12 (JBP)

has almost dawned. Let us therefore fling away the things that men do in the dark, let us arm ourselves for the fight of the day!

Romans 13:13 (JBP)

¹³ Let us live cleanly, as in the daylight, not in the delights of getting drunk or playing with sex, nor yet in quarrelling or jealousies.

Romans 13:14 (JBP)

14 Let us be Christ's men from head to foot, and give no chances to the flesh to have its fling.