

## **WORSHIP: LOVE, LIGHT, LIFE**

Romans 13:8-14

This is the last of the series on worship.

In Romans 12:1-2 we discovered a new way of living – our worship.

We are to give ourselves as a living sacrifice

We are to live a transformed life – living in love, light and life.

### 1. **Love** Romans 13:8-10

Agape love is a debt we owe to all

It is not our natural love but a fruit of the Spirit.

It means allowing God's love to flow through us

It means not being overly analytically for this can become negative

It is outgoing rather than self-centred.

Galatians 5:14-15 speaks of love that fulfils the Law.

**Agape love is positive.** 1 Corinthians 13:6,7

### 2. **Light** Romans 13:11-13

We are called to wake up.

The day is coming – Christ is returning.

Where is your focus - self-indulgence or the challenge of Christ?

We are called appropriately for the day.

Let go of activities we wish to hide or of which we are ashamed.

(These are night activities – Crime, drunkenness etc)

Galatians 5:14-23 compares the activities of the old and new natures

- night and day.

We are to put on the armour of light to fight against the darkness.

The activities of light are the fruit of the Spirit.

**Light is positive.**

### 3. **Life** Romans 13:14

We are told to put on new clothes

– not outer clothes, but inner clothing, of the Spirit

- Ephesians 6:13-17 tells us to put on the armour of God

- this is our new clothing

– the character of Christ

How do we do this? We live a new life in Christ.

Romans 6:1-4 speaks of baptism as a picture of death to our old way of life

Romans 6:11-14 likens our new life to resurrection in Christ.

We are to count ourselves alive in Christ

Rivers of living water – the fruit of the Holy Spirit- will flow

**Let it flow**

**Life is positive.**

A life of worship is positive

It is not judgmental but discerning – and positive.

Are you allowing the love, light and life of God to flow through you?

**This is our living sacrifice of worship.**