

LESSON XII.

TEMPERANCE LESSON

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Rom. 13 : 8-14. Commit to memory vs. 12-14.

8 Owe no man <sup>1</sup> anything, but to love one another : for he that loveth <sup>2</sup> another hath fulfilled the law.

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, <sup>3</sup> Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet ; and if there be any other commandment, it is <sup>4</sup> briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour : <sup>5</sup> therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

11 And <sup>6</sup> that, knowing the <sup>7</sup> time, that now *it is*

**Revised Version**—<sup>1</sup> Anything save ; <sup>2</sup> His neighbour ; <sup>3</sup> Thou shalt not bear false witness omitted ; <sup>4</sup> Summed up in this word : <sup>5</sup> Love therefore is the fulfilment ; <sup>6</sup> This ; <sup>7</sup> Season ; <sup>8</sup> For you ; <sup>9</sup> Omit our ; <sup>10</sup> To us ; <sup>11</sup> First ; <sup>12</sup> And ; <sup>13</sup> Rebelling ; <sup>14</sup> Jealously.

GOLDEN TEXT

Rom. 13 : 12. Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

DAILY READINGS

M. --Rom. 13 : 8-14.	The better way.
T. --James 4 : 1-10.	Resisting evil.
W. --Psalm 24.	Clean hands.
Th. --Psalm 119 : 1-16.	The way of holiness.
F. --1 Peter 1 : 12-25.	Exhortation to holiness.
S. --2 Cor. 6 : 11-18.	Be separate.
S. --Rom. 6 : 12-23.	Freedom and life.

CATECHISM

Q. 27. Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist ?  
A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God,

high time <sup>8</sup> to awake out of sleep : for now <sup>9</sup> is our salvation nearer <sup>10</sup> than when we <sup>11</sup> believed.

12 The night is far spent, <sup>13</sup> the day is at hand : let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day : not in <sup>14</sup> rioting and in drunkenness, not in clambering and wantonness, not in strife and <sup>15</sup> envying.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfill* the lusts thereof.

15 Therefore they that are thus clothed, shall not walk in the flesh, but shall walk in the Lord Jesus Christ.

and the cursed death of the cross : in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

TIME AND PLACE

Paul's epistle to the Romans was written A.D. 58, when Nero was Emperor. It was written from Corinth at the close of Paul's three months' residence there mentioned in Acts 20 : 3 ; 1 Cor. 16 : 6.

LESSON PLAN

I. **Walk in Love, 8-10.**  
For love is the fulfilling of the law.  
II. **Living in Light, 11-14.**  
Casting off the works of darkness and putting on the Lord Jesus Christ.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise, 551 ; 532 ; 217 ; 529 ; 530 ; 225.

EXPOSITION

**Connecting Links**—About seven or eight years after the date of the last lesson Paul was in Corinth, near the close of his third missionary journey. He had built up many churches, and as he could not visit them all he sent them letters, called epistles. There was a church in Rome that some Christians had organized. Paul could not go there just yet, so he wrote a letter telling them about the gospel, and exhorting them to live as the gospel required. The first eleven chapters, which contain some of the deepest and grandest passages in all Scripture, show how men dead in sin may be made alive in Christ Jesus. Then follow five chapters bearing on the working out of this new life in practical well-doing. From one of these chapters is taken this Temperance lesson. "These verses emphasize the great virtues and spiritual powers in the heart, the implanting and cultivation of which are the best safeguards against intemperance and the horde of evils in its train."—Peloubet.

I. Walking in Love, 8-10.

V. 8. *Owe no man anything.* This verse is connected with verse 7, where the command is given to pay all dues, whether to the state

or to the individual, whether a debt of money to a creditor, of reverence to a superior, or of respect to an equal. We should meet all our obligations as promptly as possible. *But to love one another.* This is a debt we can never fully pay. The more we pay, the more we have to pay, and the more we are willing to pay. Love grows with the loving, and it is a debt we owe to all mankind, to friend and foe alike, Matt. 5 : 44. *He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law ;* the law as given by God to His people. Love embraces every form of duty towards God and man. (See v. 9.)

V. 9. *For this ;* quoting from the Ten Commandments some of man's duties towards his fellow-man, which love is ever ready to perform. *Thou shalt not commit adultery ;* the seventh commandment. Love requires purity in thought, feeling and action, and it blesses, but never injures another. *Thou shalt not kill ;* the eighth commandment, and we may break it by thoughtless cruelty as well as by pistol or sword-blade. *Thou shalt not steal ;* the sixth commandment. We are not to take what does not belong to us. Theft may be committed under the guise of law, as well as against law. To win by a crooked bargain, or by some sharp practice