



ROMANS 1:16

“I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.”



UNASHAMED:
A DEBT WE ALL OWE

Romans 13:8-14

VS. 8

Some context, vs. 7 “Give everyone what you owe him.” Keep short accounts.

(Recall Prov. 22:7 – “The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender.”)

The only debt that is to be ongoing:
the debt of agape love



VS. 9-10

“Love your neighbor as yourself” summarizes Ex.
20:12-17

See Matt. 22:34-40



VS. 11-13

“And do this...” Do what? “LOVE ONE ANOTHER”

“...understanding the present time.”

“The night is almost over; the day is almost here.”

Our salvation is nearer now?

Believers WERE saved from sin's penalty
(justification)

Believers ARE BEING saved from sin's power
(sanctification)

Believers WILL BE saved from sin's presence
(glorification)

WHAT IS THE PROPER RESPONSE?

“Wake up from your slumber.”

Eph. 5:15-16; 1 Thess. 5:6; 1 Peter 5:8

“Put aside deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.”

Eph. 5:8-14



“Behave decently, as in the daytime”

No orgies, drunkenness, sexual immorality,
debauchery, dissension or jealousy.

See Gal. 5:19-23
(See also Col. 3:1-14)



VS. 14

“Clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ”

Imagery similar to Col. 3 “put off, put on”



“Don’t think about how to gratify the cravings of the sinful nature.” (“Make no provision for the flesh.”)

Am I setting myself up for spiritual failure?