

Hope Not Fear

Sermon • *Romans 13*

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1. We love not out of a sense of **fear** ...

¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. (1 John 4:18)

2. Nor only out of a sense of **obligation** ...

⁹ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Romans 13:8)

3. Rather, we love out of **hope** ...

⁹ For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain.” Is it for oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰ Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop. (Romans 9:9–10)