

We are able, in the passage we have selected to note this responsibility rather easily and to notice that it is a matter solemnly laid before the Christian.

## 2. Discussion

### a. Responsible to love.

Very basic is this note. Our sole obligation is to love. Love, of course, is not an emotion only but in this context an honoring of the word of God with one another. Men show love by doing what God has told them to do in regard to their relations with each other. Love is not legalistic but love is the fulfillment of the law. The charge given us in this passage is possible only because "he loved us and gave himself for us" (Galatians 2:20) and his love is shed abroad in our hearts. We are charged to work no ill to a neighbor but to work love and righteousness. This will show him the redemptive nature of deliverance and condition him to experience the love of God in his own heart.

### b. Responsible for testimony.

This is how we understand Romans 13:11-13. Our salvation is nearer now than when we believed...as seen in the light of Christ's coming and our being with him. Knowing his grace and the state of the world we should be awake. We should not be overcome with the things of darkness (sin and evil) but should be marked with the matters of light. Easier said than done, I suppose, but an important part of what is charged to the believer. His honest walk in love is the witness to a work of grace. If he does not have it, how is the world to know?

In this connexion it is very easy to talk of witness and our responsibility to that. But the life of testimony sets the stage for witness. We are certainly responsible for fidelity to the call of God and testimony but this is expressed first in the walk of light.