

SERMON: Debt to the World. Sept. 21, 2014

Scripture: Romans 1:14-18

1. THE CHURCH OWES A DEBT TO ONE ANOTHER.

Romans 1:14 I am under **obligation** both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

Ephes. 5:28 In the same way husbands **should** love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

1 John 2:6 Whoever says he abides in Him **ought** to walk in the same way in which He walked.

Matthew 6:12 and forgive us our **debts**, as we also have forgiven our **debtors**.

2. THE CHURCH OWES A DEBT TO OTHER CHURCHES.

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

Matthew 18:23 The Parable of the **Debtor** of 10,000

John 13:13-14 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. [14] If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also **ought** to wash one another's feet.

We **owe** others because we **owe** Jesus.

Romans 15:1 We who are strong have an **obligation** to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

2 Thess. 1:3 We **ought** always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. ESV

2 Thess. 2:13 But we **ought** always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

3. THE CHURCH OWES A DEBT TO THE WORLD.

Romans 1:14 I am under **obligation** both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. [17] For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Do we care that 1.7 billion people haven't yet heard the gospel?

Do we care that multitudes locked in bondage to hopeless religious traditions are bound for hell? Before Jesus commanded us to "go," He commanded us to love the Lord our God and our neighbor as ourselves. Our hearts should be as broken and grieved as God's heart is for a lost world.

1 John 4:11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also **ought** to love one another. 3:16 By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we **ought** to lay down our lives for the brothers.

福音之債

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羅馬書 1:14-18

1. 教會之中: 彼此虧欠

羅馬書 1:14-

¹⁴ 無論是希臘人、化外人、聰明人、愚拙人，我都欠他們的債，

以弗所書 5:28-

²⁸ 丈夫也當照樣愛妻子，如同愛自己的身子，愛妻子便是愛自己了。

約翰一書 2:6 -

人若說他住在主裡面，就該自己照主所行的去行。

馬太福音 6:12 -

免我們的債，如同我們免了人的債。

2. 教會之間: 彼此虧欠

羅馬書 13:8 -

凡事都不可虧欠人，唯有彼此相愛，要常以為虧欠。因為愛人的，就完全了律法。

馬太福音 18:23 -

天國好像一個王要和他僕人算帳。

約翰福音 13:13-14 -

你們稱呼我夫子，稱呼我主，你們說的不錯，我本來是。¹⁴ 我是你們的主、你們的夫子，尚且洗你們的腳，你們也當彼此洗腳。

我們虧欠人，是因為我們虧欠耶穌

Romans 1:14-17

羅馬書 15:1-

我們堅固的人，應該擔代不堅固人的軟弱，不求自己的喜悅。

帖撒羅尼迦後書 1:3-

弟兄們，我們該為你們常常感謝神，這本是合宜的，因你們的信心格外增長，並且你們眾人彼此相愛的心也都充足。

帖撒羅尼迦後書 2:13-

主所愛的弟兄們哪，我們本該常為你們感謝神，因為他從起初揀選了你們，叫你們因信真道，又被聖靈感動成為聖潔，能以得救。

3. 教會對世界: 福音之債

羅馬書 1:14-

無論是希臘人、化外人、聰明人、愚拙人，我都欠他們的債，

羅馬書 1:16-17 -

我不以福音為恥，這福音本是神的大能，要救一切相信的，先是猶太人，後是希臘人。¹⁷ 因為神的義正在這福音上顯明出來，這義是本於信以至於信，如經上所記：「義人必因信得生。」

我們是否在乎，還有 17 億的人口沒有聽過福音？

約翰一書 4:11-

親愛的弟兄啊，神既是這樣愛我們，我們也當彼此相愛。 3:16 主為我們捨命，我們從此就知道何為愛，我們也當為弟兄捨命。

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