


Romans 13 | Following The Law of Love in Civil Society



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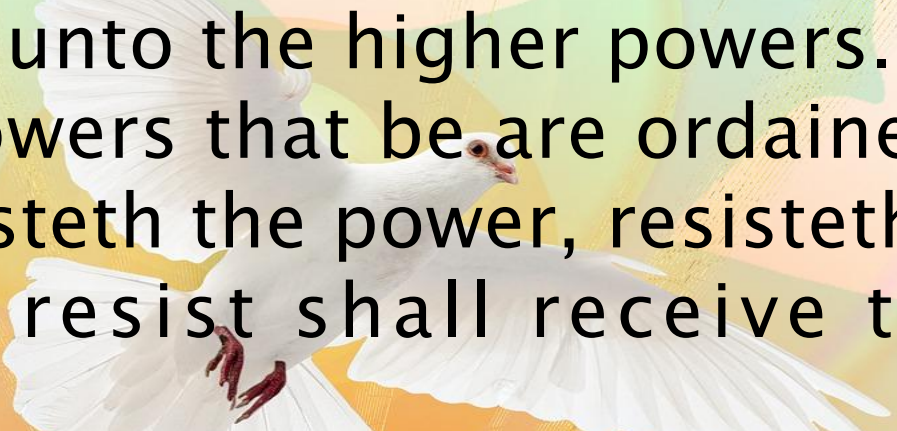
Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good...

... (17) Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. – 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. – 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, **Vengeance is mine; I will repay**, saith the Lord.

– 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. – 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 13:1-4 | Just Government as Servant


Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. – 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the **ordinance of God**: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.



– 3 **For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil.** Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: – 4 **For he is the minister of God to thee for good.** But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the **minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.**

Romans 13:5-7

| God's Ministers for Public Welfare



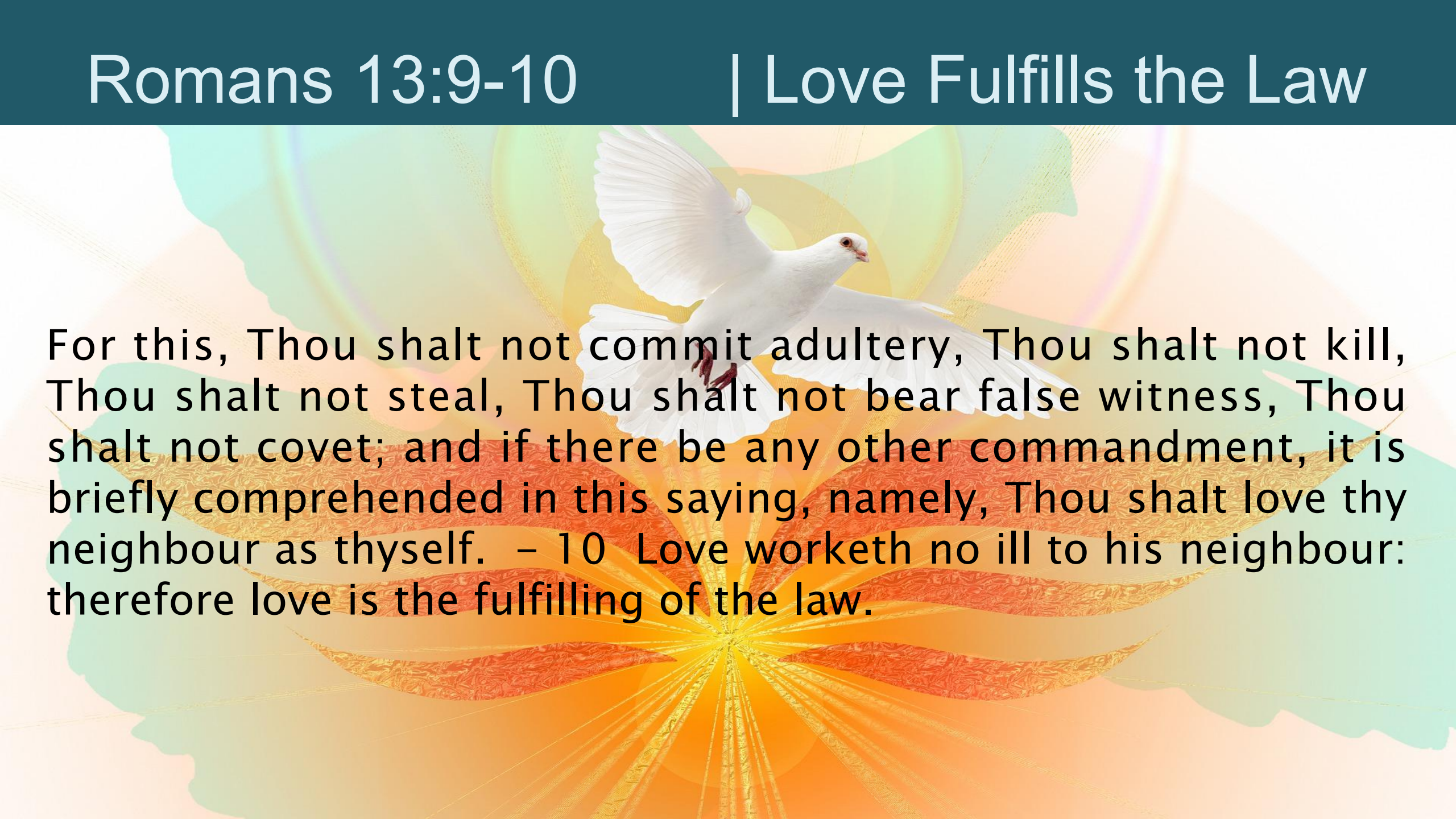
Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. – 6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: **for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.** – 7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

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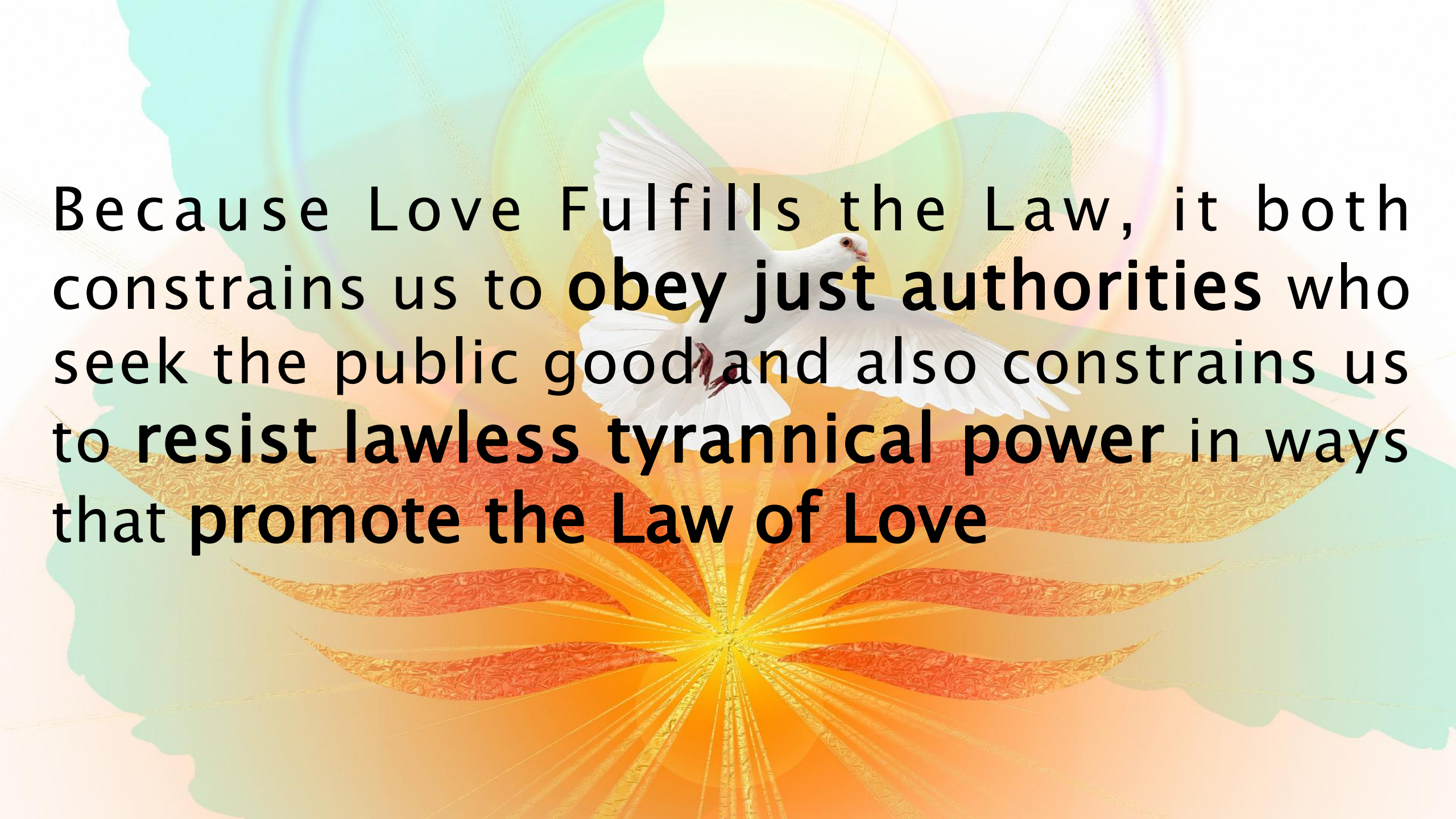
Owe no man anything, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

Romans 13:9-10

| Love Fulfills the Law

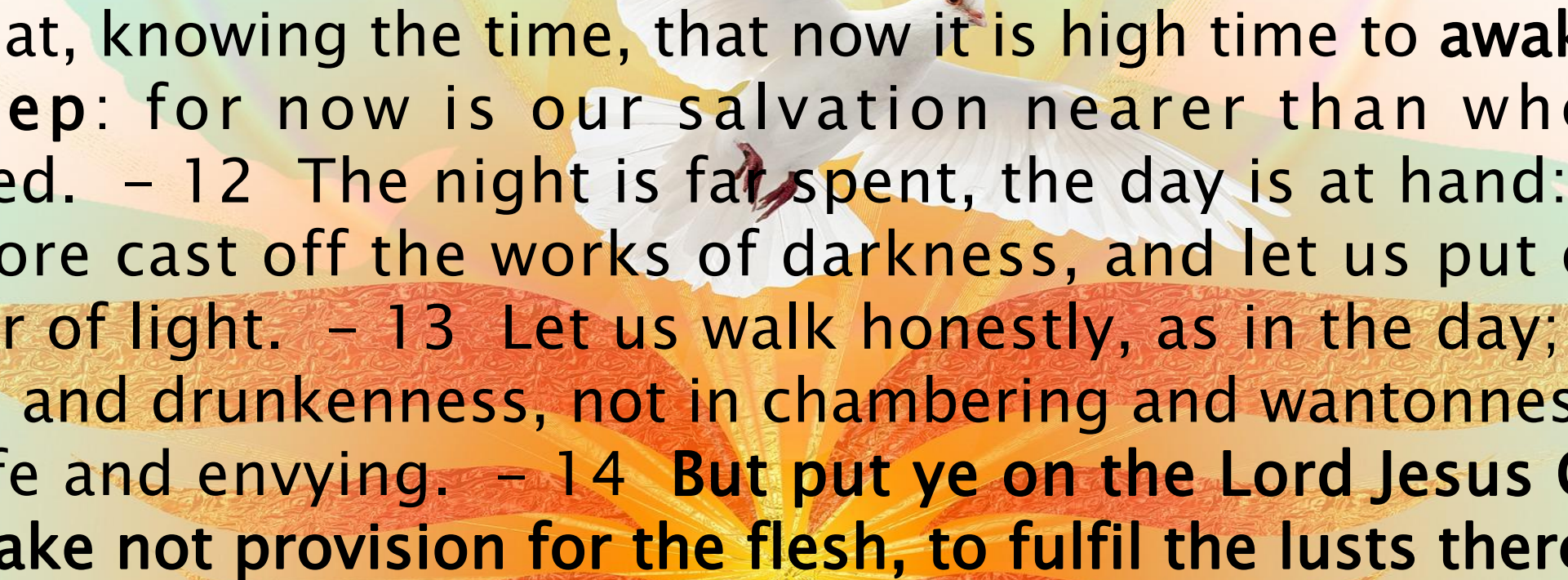
A white dove is shown in flight, facing right, with its wings spread. The background is a vibrant, abstract composition of overlapping shapes in shades of green, yellow, and orange, with a central point from which light rays emanate, creating a sense of radiance and peace.

For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. – 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

A white dove is shown in flight, wings spread, positioned centrally over the text. The background features a large, bright sun with rays emanating from it, set against a backdrop of stylized, overlapping shapes in shades of green, yellow, and orange, resembling a stylized American flag or a sunburst pattern.

Because Love Fulfills the Law, it both
constrains us to **obey just authorities** who
seek the public good and also constrains us
to **resist lawless tyrannical power** in ways
that **promote the Law of Love**

Romans 13:11-14 | The Law of Love as a Call to Great Awakening

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And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to **awake out of sleep**: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. – 12 The night is far spent, 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 rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. – 14 **But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.**

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