



# Redeeming Notes

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## "A Loving Hand" Matthew 18:15-20

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The greatest commandments!  
Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

We are to be **indebted** to no one except in love.  
Romans 13:8-14 (NIV)

Love writes the law on our hearts.  
Ezekiel 11:19-20 (NLT)

How do we know love?  
1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)  
Colossians 3:12-14 (NIV)  
Romans 13:10-12 (NIV)

Love does no harm to its neighbor.

In love we **no longer are first**.

In love we **become sacrificial**.

In love we **find understanding**.  
Romans 13:13-14 (NIV)

We are called into community.  
Matthew 18:19-20

Love makes us free.

Love makes us **accountable**.

"A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none.  
A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all."  
- Martin Luther, "The Freedom of a Christian"

The Office of the Keys.  
Matthew 18:18 (NIV)

In Christ we are called to be **accountable** for one another.

What does it mean to be accountable?

Accountability is **not judgment**.

Accountability **comes out of love**.

Accountability is **freeing**.

Accountability is being willing to accept **responsibility** or to account **or answer for** one's actions.

How are we to be accountable?

We are to approach one another **in confidence** and **with concern**.  
Matthew 18:15 (NIV)

We are to involve others **only when one-on-one fails**.  
Matthew 18:16-17 (NIV)

We are to **forgive** when they **turn away from sin**.

We are to hold them **to account when they refuse** to turn away.

Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23:43 (NIV)