

Get the Light Right

The Service of Saved Saints in Romans

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. - Rom 13:12

1. Beware of the light of the law of Israel for righteousness - get the light right

- a. Instructions for Israel, but not for those who would be saved in this dispensation:
 - i. Deu 6:25, Pro 6:23 - Israel given the law, righteousness and way of life
 - ii. Mat 5:14-20, 1Jo 1:5-7, 2:3-6 - their light popularly BUT improperly applied to the church today, their light was leading to their kingdom
 - iii. Following the wrong light puts you in the wrong place at the wrong time

2. Romans Outline/Summary Review: nearly two years ago - February 14th, 2023

- a. Rom 1-8 - Our salvation, mystery kept secret, Israel didn't know/couldn't see
 - i. Jesus sent Paul to preach according to the mystery - Acts 26:15-18, Rom 16:25, Eph 3:3-10
 - ii. What happened? - gospel, how it's possible: righteousness w/o law, salvation w/o Israel, justification w/o our works, by faith - Rom 3:20-24, Gal 2:16
 - iii. Rom 7:22-8:4 - law unable in the weak flesh, NOW no condemnation in Spirit
 - iv. Do not frustrate the grace of God - Gal 2:20-21, 3:1-3, 6:14
- b. Rom 9-11 - Israel's salvation (we are currently here in our Romans study)
 - i. What happened to Israel? - Rom 9:31-32, 11:11-12
 - ii. All Israel shall be saved - Rom 11:25-28
- c. Rom 12-16 - Our reasonable service
 - i. Love fulfills the law, grace is not a license to sin, and so - Rom 13:8-10
 - 1. Fulfills the law - not under the law! - Rom 7:12 (holy, just, good)
 - ii. What happens now? - Rom 13:11-14, redeem the time - Eph 5:8-17
 - 1. Last four chpts. of Romans describe our walk, life in Christ
 - a. Only after having been established in the gospel!
 - b. Today, salvation by grace, not of works - Eph 2:8-9
 - 2. How? - Reckon old man dead, renew mind according to truth, put on new man - Rom 6:11-14, Eph 4:22-24

3. Talking of our walk, not in darkness - Romans 13:11-14, Col 1:12-14

- a. Night - sleep, the works of darkness, rioting, drunkenness, chambering, wantonness, strife, envying, fulfilling the lusts of the flesh
- b. Day - awake, cast off and put on the armour of light, walk honestly, as in the day, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, make not provision for the flesh
- c. Timing - the time is now, high time, salvation nearer than when we believed, night far spent, day at hand, **walk as in the day**
- d. Light makes truth plain to see, or manifests truth - Eph 5 again

4. Putting on the armour of light is acknowledging the truth of the gospel

- a. The need for discerning the light - 2Co 11:14-15, 2Co 4:3-6
- b. Discern the devilish light (wiles of the devil, spiritual wickedness in high places, transformed angel of light, his ministers of righteousness) - 1Ti 4:1-3, Gal 1:8-9
- c. Eph 6:10-17, 1Th 5:4-10, Phlm 1:4-6 (effectual when acknowledged, reckoned to be so), 2Ti 2:24-26