

Romans 13:11-14

Wake Up!

1. 13:11 – Wake Up!

- a. *“and that...”* – another appeal to present our bodies, be transformed, renewed, do good.
- b. *“knowing the time”* – This motivation is preached with urgency due to the time.
 - i. With all our knowledge, men do not discern the Biblical time - Matt 16:3, Lk 12:56
 - ii. Rom 3:21 “but now” 3:26 “at this time” - 5:6 “in due time” - 8:18 “present time”
- c. *“now it is high time” ~def.* Something overdue. The time to do what should be done.
 - i. There’s no time for vanity, lust, sin, spiritual lethargy: Christ comes -2Cor 5:20,6:1-3
 - ii. The day of salvation is now, don’t wait for it to come. Wake up and walk in it!
- d. *“awake out of sleep”* - Sleep walking is to be conformed to the world (as dead)-Eph 4:17-19
 - i. To the saved, he preaches not to fall asleep, “wake up!” - 1 Cor 15:32-34; Eph 5:14
- e. *“for now is our salvation nearer”* - Written to the saved (*This not the gospel, Augustine*)
 - i. Our salvation is not Israel’s kingdom, but our hope of glory – Rom 8:23-25
 - ii. Salvation from the penalty and power of sin is now, but presence of sin is future.
- f. *“nearer than when we believed”* - How? Not just in time but learned/maturity -Eph 4:20-21
 - i. See what time it is? Look at the clock, our Saviour comes → Titus 2:11-14, 2 Ti 2:10
 - ii. It is high time you learned to wake up on time and dress yourself - Rom 12:1-3
 - iii. Why we need be subject and love: time needs redeemed – Eph 5:15-17, Col 4:5!

2. 13:12 – Good morning!

- a. *“night is far spent”* - We have wasted too much time in sin. Salvation is here and comes.
 - i. Night is living in sin and ignorance. Day is living in light and truth (Christ)
- b. *“the day is at hand”* – We no longer live in darkness - 1 Tim 2:6, Titus 1:3, 2 Tim 1:10
 - i. We must know what this day is else we fall into a trap – 2 Thess 2:2, Eph 4:30
 - ii. We can walk in the light (though it is night), because of God’s dispensation of grace.
 - iii. This is what it means to set your affection on things above (the day) – Col 3:1-13
- c. *“cast off the works of darkness”* – Christ forgave them, but we must cast them off Col 3:8-9
- d. *“armour of light”* – Paul describes this armor in detail in Ephesians 6:10-18
 - i. We are lights in the world, rejoicing in the day of Christ - Phi 2:15-16

3. 13:13 – Rise and Shine!

- a. *“let us walk honestly”* – As who we are, we are children of the light - Eph 5:1-13
- b. *“as in the day”* – Because we are of the day, we are of Christ, we are saved - 1 Thess 5:3-10
 - i. You can tell what people love, by what they do, by what lights them up.
- c. *“rioting, drunkenness, chambering, wantonness...”* - All works of flesh abounding at night.
- d. Our walk described in all Paul’s epistles – Phi 4:13, 2 Cor 5:7, Col 2:6, 1 Th 2:12, 4:1, 4:12

4. 13:14 – Put on the Lord Jesus Christ!

- a. *“put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ”* – His full title, authority. Seen here, too – Eph 4:22-32
- b. You are already in Christ, and he in you, but this concerns the outward clothes on our body
- c. *“make no provision...”* – No need to feed it, we have no time or need to sin.
 - i. Our walk in the Spirit is what keeps us from fulfilling lusts - Gal 5:16, 19-25
 - ii. Proper preparation for the work of the day - 2 Tim 2:22