

Light – An Illustration of Spiritual Truth

1. God's perfect nature (1 Jn. 1:5)
2. The gulf between Christ's and Satan's kingdoms (Col. 1:13).
3. The glory of the gospel versus the darkness of false religion and damning error (2 Cor. 4:4)
4. The nature of those who belong to God's kingdom versus those who don't (1 Th. 5:5)
5. The deeds done in the darkness that characterize the children of the dark versus the deeds done in the day that characterize the children of the light
6. The darkness of this present age versus the light of the age to come

Romans Outline

IV. The Gospel Applied: The Transforming Power of the Gospel of Grace (12:1—15:13)

- A. A Gospel Response to God (12:1-2)
- B. A Gospel Response to Service (12:3-8)
- C. A Gospel Response to Love (12:9-21)
- D. A Gospel Response to Government (13:1-7)
- E. A Gospel Response to the Law (8-10)
- F. A Gospel Response to the Flesh (11-14)

Unhelpful ways to respond to the flesh...

- Forget that it even exists.
- Don't try to fight it at all but give it what it wants.
- Try to fight with all the wrong weapons.
 1. Human will power
 2. Prayer alone
 3. Secular psychology
 4. A spiritual crisis or sudden victory
 - The Keswick or deeper life approach
 - The Wesleyan-Pentecostal second blessing
 5. Man-made rules/legalism (Col. 2:20-22; Gal. 3:3)
 6. A charismatic experience
 7. Self-reformation or behavior modification

Wake Up! (Pt. 1)

Romans 13:11-14

I. Biblical Motivation for Fighting Your Flesh (11-12a)

A. It's late in redemptive history (11a).

B. It's past time to live like the new person you have become in Christ (11b).

C. It's almost time for your ultimate salvation (11c).

- Salvation in three tenses...

1. Justification: we have been saved from the guilt and penalty of sin (Eph. 2:8-9; Rom. 8:24; Titus 3:4-5).

2. Sanctification: we are being saved from the power of sin (1 Cor. 1:18; 15:2; 2 Cor. 2:15).

3. Glorification: We will be saved from God's future wrath against sin, from sin entirely (5:9; 1 Pet. 1:5)

D. It's almost time for Christ's return and the new age (12a).