

Wake Up! (Pt. 2)

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

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II. Practical Instructions for Fighting Your Flesh (12b-14)

A. Fight to Put off your Sins (12b).

B. Fight to Put on Spiritual Virtues (12c).

1. Generally: Put on the Armor of Light

2. Specifically: Put on the Opposite Virtues of the Deeds of Darkness

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C. Fight both Sinful Behavior and its Causes (13).

1. Our Sinful Behaviors & Patterns

- Carousing & Drunkenness (social sins—a lack of self-control with drink)
- Sexual Promiscuity & Sensuality (sexual sins—a lack of self-control with sex)
- Strife & Jealousy (relational sins—a lack of self-control in relationships)

2. Our Sin's Causes

- Other Sinful Actions
- Sinful Patterns of Thinking
- Our Own Lusts

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- D. Expend maximum effort, but depend entirely on the Lord to change you by His Spirit (14a).
- E. Don't Feed your Flesh (14b)

Crucial Implications

1. Those who continually practice the sins of the flesh—without repentance—are unbelievers.
2. Righteous behavior, words, and thoughts are never the cause of salvation but always the result of salvation.
3. The NT never divorces behavior from doctrine, our practice from our position.
4. Christian living is always grounded on understanding our new position.
5. You still have the flesh and will have to actively fight it the rest of your life.

Crucial Implications

6. You must fight your flesh at three levels: its sinful deeds, the causes of those deeds, and your lusts.
7. You must put off that which is sinful and put on the virtues that reflect the character of Christ.
8. You must not feed your flesh.
9. You must expend maximum effort, but rely entirely upon Christ by His Spirit to change you by His Word and Spirit!