

Romans 13:11-14

L. Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ

A. Wake Up - vs 11-12a

1. knowing the times

a. Notice the “time” words - No time for Apathy

i. it is high time

ii. salvation is nearer

iii. The night is far spent,

iv. the day is at hand.

b. the urgency of the admonition for obedience

i. urgent in Paul’s day

ii. Always urgent until the Lord’s return

- consider the signs of His return, having always been present

- each generation has those that question the Lord’s return - 2 Pe 3:4

2. And do this

a. carries the idea of achieving something in addition to what has already been stressed
- (vs 8-10 love)

b. never arrive at a place where you are no longer indebted to serve God

i. time - not *chronos* - chronological, but *kairos* - era, age

ii. Refers to the time preceding the *parousia (coming)* of Christ

3. that now it is high time to awake out of sleep

a. many believers share the same blindness as unbelievers

b. sleep - *hupnos* - sleep, spiritual torpor:--sleep.

i. state of inactivity with a loss of consciousness and a decrease in responsiveness to events taking place around them

ii. Paul calls them to awaken from spiritual sleep - Eph 5:14; 1Co 15:34; 1Th 5:5-6

4. for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed

a. the completion of our salvation at the appearing of Christ

b. The future and final dimension of redemption - glorification

i. justification - refers to declared and positional righteousness

ii. sanctification - refers to the life long process of spiritual growth producing practical righteousness

iii. glorification - refers to the believer’s ultimate perfection - Ro 8:23

c. The eschatological motive, our hope of Christ’s imminent return

i. Used by

- Paul’s as a reminder to live sensibly- Tit 2:11-13

- The writer of Hebrews for mutual edification - Heb 10:24-25

- James to be patient - Jas 5:7-8

- Peter to be sober minded and have fervent love - 1 Peter 4:7-8

ii. there is no Condemnation, but there still is a judgment - 2 Co 5:9-10; 1 Co 4:5

5. The night is far spent, the day is at hand.

a. man’s time of spiritual unbelief, rebellion, and sin is about to end

i. though it seems to be getting worse - 2 Pe 3:3-7

ii. God is allowing b/c He is patient - vs 8-9

b. God’s time of judgment, glory, and righteousness is about to begin - 1 Th 5:1-8

B. Put Off - vs 12b-13

1. illustration of a soldier on leave needing to get ready to get back into the battle
 - a. let us cast off - Eph 4:22; Col 3:8-9; Heb 12:1a
 - i. the works of darkness - Include all sins and sinful habits
 - ii. Grieves the Spirit - Eph 4:30
 - b. let us put on - Eph 4:23-24; Ro 12:2; Col 3:10; Heb 12:1b
 - i. the armor of light.
 - Armor is made for warfare
 - God's light provides divine protection in our spiritual battles - Mt 4
 - the true light - 1 Jo 1:5
 - ii. The Full armor of God - Eph 6:11-12 - includes
 - truth
 - righteousness
 - the readiness to share the Gospel
 - faith
 - the word of God
 - the mind of Christ
2. Let us walk properly,
 - a. as in the day
 - i. to live in a way pleasing to God
 - ii. An outward life consistent with our new life in Christ - Eph 5:27; 2 Pe 3:14
 - b. not in
 - i. revelry - **komos** - used of military or athletic victory celebration
 - ii. drunkenness - **methe** - used of intentional, habitual drunkenness.
 - iii. lewdness - **koite** - lit. a couch; bed, or bedroom; used of going to bed w/ someone of the opposite sex. Used in both honorable and dishonorable sense.
 - iv. lust - **aselgeia** - basic meaning of shameless excess, absence of restraint
 - v. strife - **eris** - refers to persistent contention, petty disagreement.
Characterized by self-indulgence and egoism, no place for tolerance
 - vi. envy - **zelos** - heat, "zeal" (in a favorable sense, ardor; in an unfavorable one, **jealousy**, as of a husband (of God), or an enemy, malice)

C. Put On - vs 14

1. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
 - a. Paul's goal in Phil 3:13-14
 - b. God's finished work at His coming - 1 Jo 3:2-3
 - c. the work of sanctification to which we submit - 1 Jo 3:3
 - i. through the word - 2 Co 3:18
 - ii. By the Spirit - 2 Co 3:18
 - iii. Though discipleship and mutual edification - Gal 4:19; Heb 10:24-25
2. and make no provision for the flesh,
 - a. **pronoia** - forethought, provident care or supply:--providence, provision.
 - i. deceitful hearts and the enemy of your soul often cause believers to have wrong ideas about sin
 - ii. b/c lusts are allowed to linger (Jas 1:14-15) we don't see sin as destructive
 - b. for the flesh to fulfill its lusts - 1Pe 2:11
 - c. the only way to overcome - Ga 5:16; 2 Pe 1:4