

“Head ‘Em Up & Move ‘Em Out”

Romans 13: 13 - 14

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God Requires That His Children Live With Genuine Love At The “Head” Of All Activity, (vs. 8 - 14)

- Putting Christ As The “Head” Removes All Provisions For Self-gratification, (vs. 12b - 14)
 1. Christ as Head means that we remove what is “normal” & seek to protect ourselves, (vs. 12b)
 - “Cast off,” - literally, to lay from or away; *“If then you have been **raised** with Christ, **SEEK** the things that are above, where Christ is, **SEATED** at the right hand of God. **SET** your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is **hidden** with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life **appears**, then you also will **appear** with him in glory. **PUT TO DEATH** therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must **PUT** them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. **DO NOT LIE** to one another, seeing that you have **PUT OFF** the old self with its practices ” (Colossians 3:1-9)*
 - “Put on,” - literally to sink in or under, to clothe; *“But since we **BELONG** to the day, **let us be sober**, having **PUT ON** the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ” (1 Thessalonians 5:8)*
 2. Christ as Head means that we live with all our deeds properly exposed, (vs. 13a); *“And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who **DOES** wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be **exposed**. But whoever **DOES** what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly **seen** that his works have been **CARRIED** out in God.” ” (John 3:19-21)*
 - We cannot live out of control because of intoxication, (vs. 13b); *“envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ” (Galatians 5:21)*
 - We cannot live out of control because of cravings, (vs. 13c); *“For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. ” (1 Peter 4:3)*
 - We cannot live out of control because of unrestraint, (vs. 13d); *“But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ” (James 3:14-16)*
 3. Christ as Head means that we “clothe” ourselves with His spotlessness & strive to not soil ourselves, (vs. 14)
 - We cannot live in purity by our own human efforts, (vs. 14a); *“So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ” (Romans 8:12-16)*
 - We cannot pursue filthiness once cleaned, (vs. 14b); *“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. ” (1 Peter 2:9-12)*