

THE URGENCY OF SANCTIFICATION

Romans 13:11-14

I. It is Time to Wake Up Beloved! – vs. 11-12a

And This....

Kairós – time, season, age; decisive or crucial place or point

Matthew 8:29

Matthew 26:18

Ēdē – already, now already; a point of time preceding another point of time and implying completion

Acts 1:4-11

2 Thessalonians 1:7-10

Sōtēria (*sōzō*) – salvation; the state of having been saved, the process of being saved, or the culmination of being saved

Ephesians 2:8 (Justification)

1 Corinthians 15:1-2 (Sanctification)

1 Peter 1:9 (Glorification)

Matthew 7:22

Jude 6

II. Cast off Your Sins, Put on Righteousness – vs. 12b-13

Apoballō – throw away, throw off, cast of

Skótos – darkness, evil world, abode of evil spirits

Ephesians 6:12

1 Peter 2:9

Ephesians 4:22

Colossians 3:8

Hebrews 12:1

Endýō - to put on clothes, to dress

Hóplon – weapon, tool, equipment

Phós – light, the sphere dominated by righteousness

Romans 6:13

2 Corinthians 10:4

Ephesians 6:11-17

Kōmos – Orgy, revelry, carousing; drinking parties involving unrestrained indulgence in alcoholic beverages and accompanying immoral behavior

Méthē – drunk, drunkenness

Koitē - sexual immorality occurring in bed, lasciviousness; conceive

Asélgeia - unbridled lust, licentiousness, wantonness, shamelessness

Eris – strife, contention, conflict resulting from rivalry and discord

Zélos – envy, jealousy, resentment; a particularly strong feeling of resentment and jealousy against someone

Galatians 5:19-21

Titus 3:3

III. Put On Christ, and Don't Plan to Sin – vs. 14

Endýō - to put on clothes, to dress

Sárx – flesh, physical life; denotes mere human nature, the earthly nature of man apart from divine influence, and therefore prone to sin and opposed to God

Prónoia – forethought, foresight, provision; to think about something ahead of time, to plan

Ephesians 4:20-24

Colossians 3:8-10, 12-14

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Closing Thought: Beloved, our sanctification (the holiness of our lives) is an urgent item, that we must consider immediately, and ongoing. We are to daily dress ourselves in the righteousness of Christ, and never pick up the darkness we have thrown off. We must never plan on living to please our sinful desires, our flesh. We must wake up, change our clothes and change our plans!