

**WAKE UP!**  
Romans 13:11-14

**Introduction:**

- Questions to ponder
  1. How many times do you go back to sleep before getting up?
  2. How often must God call you to wake up spiritually?

- Romans 13:11-14

1. Is in the context of I \_\_\_\_\_ each other and your neighbor as yourself.
2. Gives r \_\_\_\_\_ why believers in Christ must wake up.

**Because S \_\_\_\_\_ Future Is Coming (11,12a)**

- There are three a \_\_\_\_\_ to salvation (Phil 1:6)
  1. Salvation p \_\_\_\_\_ - when we first trusted Christ and were saved from the penalty of sin (*He who **began** a good work in you*)
  2. Salvation p \_\_\_\_\_ - we are being saved from the p \_\_\_\_\_ of sin (*will perfect it until*)
  3. Salvation f \_\_\_\_\_ - we will be saved from the presence of sin (*the day of Jesus Christ*)
- Quiz – which aspect of salvation do the following scriptures emphasize? - (write either past, present, or future).
  1. John 5:24 - *...he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment but has passed out of death into life.*
  2. Phil 2:13 - *...Work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for God is at work in you both the willing and the working for His good pleasure.*
  3. 1Pet 1:5 – [believers] *are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.*
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- Romans 13:11,12
  1. Describes the present age as d \_\_\_\_\_ and future salvation as the d \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. How could the night be almost gone for the first century Christian?
    - a. Salvation future is when Jesus r \_\_\_\_\_ and know one knows exactly when (Matt 24:36)
    - b. We do know what help speed up the time of Jesus' coming (2 Pet 3:11,12 – “hurry on the day...”)
      - 1) Living h \_\_\_\_\_ or “set apart” lives (what sets believers apart from the unbelieving world – our r \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ).
      - 2) Living g \_\_\_\_\_ lives (literally, “worship well – how we act demonstrates that we are good worshippers of God).
- God does not want us to sleep, but spiritually awake so He can use us to bring about the coming of Christ! If the night was almost gone for the 1<sup>st</sup> century believer, how much more is that true for us! So heed God's wake up call,

**Because S \_\_\_\_\_ Presently Is Warring (12b,13)**

- The imagery of w \_\_\_\_\_ is given in these verses
  1. The battle clothing is called a \_\_\_\_\_ (see Eph 6:12)
  2. The wrong clothing is called the deeds of d \_\_\_\_\_
- A list of sins is given in verse 13
  1. These were the sins that pagans were ex \_\_\_\_\_ to do. It was acceptable.
  2. What sins are acceptable or even encouraged in our society?
    - a. D \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. S \_\_\_\_\_ immorality
    - c. S \_\_\_\_\_
- Satan's war is not against God anymore but against us

1. Satan & his demons were permanently removed from h\_\_\_\_\_ after Jesus' died and rose (Rev 12:5-11)
2. The home of Satan & his demons is not hell, but e\_\_\_\_\_ (Rev 12:9)
3. Satan's target is the b\_\_\_\_\_ world (Rev 12:17)
  - a. He cannot take away our s\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 10:28)
  - b. He cannot even t\_\_\_\_\_ us (I Jn 5:18)
  - c. But he and his demons can t\_\_\_\_\_ us (Jms 4:7) and works through the s\_\_\_\_\_ of disobedience, or unbelievers, to do this (Eph 2:2)

●God provides what is needed to defeat Satan, demons, temptation

1. The a\_\_\_\_\_ - total submission to God (Jm 4:7)
2. His d\_\_\_\_\_ (Rev 3:19,20 – a wake up call)

### Because Only the S\_\_\_\_\_ Is Satisfying (14)

●The imagery of clothing is changed from armor to J\_\_\_\_\_

1. Clothes of sin or darkness is a\_\_\_\_\_
2. Jesus is not attractive
  - a. Is 52:14 – He was m\_\_\_\_\_ more than any man
  - b. Is 53:2 – His a\_\_\_\_\_ was unattractive

●Satan uses the attractiveness of sin to make us ineffective for God.

1. Sin attracts, entices, tempts, and it looks g\_\_\_\_\_
2. A Christian takes the bait and engages in sin and even e\_\_\_\_\_ it.
3. When it is all over, the Christian is convicted and “looks in the mirror” and is repulsed by his sin.

●God uses the unattractiveness of Christ to make us effective for Him – He is marred, beaten, scourged, & still carries the wounds.

1. We put on His unattractiveness by total s\_\_\_\_\_
2. Submission empowers us to successfully r\_\_\_\_\_ Satan, demons, temptation, sin
3. Satan f\_\_\_\_\_ from us because He only sees the marred Jesus, which defeated him on the cross (Col 2:14,15).
4. When the struggle is over, the Christian is victorious and “looks in the mirror” and the scars of Jesus look beautiful because only He is s\_\_\_\_\_.

### Conclusion:

●Rom 11:11 – It is **already** the hour for you to wake up!

1. Don't surrender to sin and lose
2. Do surrender to Christ and win
3. Experience the satisfaction of the Savior as He uses you.

●The wake up call has been given – are you up?