

**Wake Up!**  
**Romans 13:11-14**

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**I. And Do This. Romans 13:11**

Jesus sums up the entirety of the Law and \_\_\_\_\_ by saying love God and love others.

**Matthew 22:40** *“On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”*

- *“Time is limited, opportunity is brief. The time to heed and obey is \_\_\_\_\_. There is no time for apathy, complacency, or indifference.”* (MacArthur)

Taking this definition of spiritual sleep, we are being encouraged to not be inactive, not to lose consciousness, and to be in a place where we can be \_\_\_\_\_ to events taking place.

**II. Cast Off The Works Of Darkness. Romans 13:12b-1**

**“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off \_\_\_\_\_ that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. Hebrews 12:1**

- *“There must be a \_\_\_\_\_ of the practices and habits of sin.”* (Spurgeon)
- MacArthur notes, *“The \_\_\_\_\_ of light is the ‘full armor of God’ which we are to put on in order ‘to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.’” Ephesians 6:11*

We are being called to live out our faith on a daily basis in a way that is \_\_\_\_\_ as opposed to sleepwalking through our faith.

**III. Put On Christ. Romans 13:14**

When we walk in the light in the \_\_\_\_\_ of life, in a way that pleases the Lord, this is an attempt to be Christ-like.

- We have to make a clean break from that old life, that old way of living, and live for Christ daily. **Verse 13** says to **“make no \_\_\_\_\_ for the flesh in regard to its lusts.”**

Maybe we feel like we can’t help it, but **Romans 6** teaches that we are no longer slaves to sin but slaves to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Small Group Discussion**

*Looking back at your notes from this week’s sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?*

1. At the start of our passage we discussed that Paul had just spoken about loving others. *How does understanding the time change how we think of others?*  
**Matthew 22:37-40, Romans 13:8-10**
2. *How have you seen wake up calls as a good thing in your own life? What is that process like for you? Do you make changes right away or does it take a while to get started?*
3. In **point II** of the notes we are reminded to *“throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles” (Hebrews 12:1)*. Discuss what makes this difficult. *Why do we not throw these things off?*
4. When we do cast off the old habits and we put on the **“armor of light”**, how does that change us? *What does that look like practically?*  
**2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 6:11**
5. *How can we walk in the newness of life that is mentioned in point III of the note sheet? How would that look different for you this year?*
6. **Romans 13:13** says to **“make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.”** *In what ways do we make provisions for the flesh? How can we stop doing this? What are some practical steps to accomplishing this?*
7. Take some time to discuss what plans you have for the new year and how you can encourage each other and pray for each other.