

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.