

THE BELIEVER AND THE THREAT OF TIME

Romans 13:11-14

1. THE BELIEVER IS TO KNOW THE TIME (V. 11)

- a.) "Knowing" = Make sure that you know
- b.) "Time" = The critical period

2. IT IS TIME TO AWAKEN OUT OF SLEEP (V. 11-12)

- a.) Salvation is nearer than when we believed (Luke 21:28; Hebrews 1:2; 1 Peter 1:5-6; 1 John 2:18)
- b.) Judgement is at hand (Amos 4:12; Matthew 3:3; Mark 13:34-37; 1 Corinthians 15:34; Ephesians 5:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:6)

3. IT IS TIME TO CAST OFF THE WORKS OF DARKNESS AND TO PUT ON THE ARMOUR OF LIGHT (V. 12)

- a.) Works of darkness (John 3:19-20, Romans 13:12; Ephesians 5:11-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:7; Genesis 3:8; Job 24:16; Proverbs 28:13; Isaiah 29:15; Isaiah 30:1; Ezekiel 8:12)
- b.) Armour of light (2 Corinthians 6:4,7; Ephesians 6:10-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:8)

4. IT IS TIME TO WALK STRAIGHT (V. 13)

- a.) "Honestly" = Proper, honorable, decent, noble
- b.) Six sins to cast off:
 - 1.) Rioting (Galatians 5:19, Galatians 5:21; 1 Peter 4:3-5)
 - 2.) Drunkenness (Luke 21:34, 1 Corinthians 6:10-11; Habakkuk 2:15)
 - 3.) Chambering (Romans 1:27)
 - 4.) Wantonness (James 5:5; 2 Peter 2:18)
 - 5.) Strife (Philippians 2:3; 2 Timothy 2:14; 2 Timothy 2:24; Proverbs 26:17)
 - 6.) Envy (1 Corinthians 13:4, Galatians 5:26; James 3:14; Proverbs 14:30, Proverbs 23:17, Proverbs 24:1)

5. IT IS TIME TO PUT ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND TO MAKE NO

PROVISION FOR THE FLESH (V. 14) (Ephesians 4:24; Philippians 2:5; Colossians 3:1-3; Colossians 3:10; Colossians 3:12; Luke 9:23; Matthew 5:29; Romans 6:6; Romans 13:14; Galatians 5:16; Colossians 3:5; 1 Peter 2:11; 1 Peter 4:2)

"Let us be followers of Christ from head to foot and give no chance to the flesh to have its fling."

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