

The Proper Approach to Life

Romans 13:11-14

Know the Time

13:11

- “Do this”—emphatic language indicating the importance of what follows.
- We must **know the time and awake from sleep!**
 - A successful life depends on it
 - We must be conscious of the time—we live between Christ’s ascension and return.
- Why? Salvation is nearer than when we first believed – Rom. 8:23; Heb. 9:27-28



Put Away Darkness for Light

13:12

- The contrast between darkness and light is a common theme – Eph. 5:7-9
- Know the **night is almost gone.**
- Know the **day quickly approaches!**
 - This is the day of our salvation
 - Requires that we lay aside the works of darkness – 1 Jn. 1:5-6
 - Requires that we put on the armor of light – 1 Jn. 3:5,8

Behave Properly as in the Day

13:13

- We must **live properly**—as though constantly in the **daylight** – Jn. 3:19-21
- This requires rejecting the deeds of the **night**:
 - Carousing and drunkenness
 - Sexual promiscuity and sensuality
 - Strife and jealousy
- Certainly, none of these are becoming of one claiming to live in God's light.



Put on Jesus Christ

13:14

- Clothing ourselves with Christ must follow!
 - We make Christ's life our life – Gal. 2:20
 - This begins with baptism – Gal. 3:27
 - This must continue by conscious effort – Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:12
- Wearing Christ requires making no provision for the flesh.
 - Christ came to take away sin and destroy it.
 - We must not make it possible, or easier, for lusts to be illicitly fulfilled.