

L6 | This World | "The Works of Darkness" | Rom. 13:11-14

I. Intro/Review:

- Spiritual Wickedness & The Works of Darkness
 - The spirit of the world
 - The spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience
 - The prince of the power of the air - the rulers of the darkness of this world (spiritual wickedness)
 - Philosophy, psychology, vain deceit, tradition of men, rudiments of the world - not after Christ
- A veil over the nations - foolish heart was darkened
- Goal and purpose is gain

II. Preview:

- The Works of Darkness
 - Sin, evil deeds, and darkness

III. Sermon:

And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

{Romans 13:11-14}

- The works of darkness
 - Rioting and drunkenness, chambering and wantonness, strife and envying - subjective perceived gain
 - Contrary to the inheritance of the saints in light - Col. 1:12
- 1 John 2:15-17
 - Love not the world
 - Love not the things that are in the world
 - Love not the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life
 - The world passeth away, and the lust thereof
- 1 John 5:19
- Matt. 13:22 - the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word
- Eph. 4:17ff
 - Works in the heart - Ps. 7:9, 58:2

- 1 Pet. 4:3
- Once darkness - Eph. 5:7-18
- Wicked Works
 - Endeavor - Ps. 28:4
 - Strength - Ps. 52:7
 - In dwellings - Ps. 55:15
 - Treasures - Pro. 10:2
 - Double down - Pro. 30:20
 - Life prolonged - Ecc. 7:15
 - Trust in it - Isa. 47:10 (none seeth - no accountability) - Ps. 10:13
 - Persecute the poor - Ps. 10:2-4
 - Against the just - Ps. 37:12, 14
 - Borrow, steal - Ps. 37:21
 - Against the righteous - Ps. 37:32
 - Great power - Ps. 37:35
 - Prosper - Ps. 73:3
 - Triumph - Ps. 94:3
 - Dainties - Ps. 141:4
 - As darkness - Pro. 4:19
 - Mouth pour out evil things - Pro. 15:28
 - Desire evil - Pro. 21:10
 - Justify the wicked for reward - Isa. 5:23

IV. Conclusion:

- God does not delight in wickedness - Ps. 5:4