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ROMANS

A LETTER THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

HOW TO LIVE THE REST OF YOUR LIFE | ROMANS 13:8-14

“ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.”

ROMANS 13:11-12 (NIV)

THREE THINGS ABOUT THE TIMES WE ARE LIVING IN:

- THE HOUR HAS COME TO _____.
- SALVATION IS _____ THAN BEFORE
- THE NIGHT IS _____.

THEREFORE EVERY CHRISTIAN LIVING IN THESE DAYS MUST...

- BUILD UP _____.

“ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.”

ROMANS 13:8-10 (NIV)

- Love is a debt we can never fully _____.
- Love is the _____ of all of the Law.
- In the end love is what _____ the most.

- WAKE UP: LIVE READY FOR _____.

See 1 THESSALONIANS 4:16-5:2

One of the greatest enemies of God is _____.

• CLEAN UP: SET ASIDE _____

“ So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.”

ROMANS 13:12-13 (NIV)

- Self Indulgence
- Sexual Immorality
- Dissension

• SUIT UP: PUT ON _____

“ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh”

ROMANS 13:14 (NIV)

DISCUSSION
Questions _____

- 1 - If you had the choice to know the exact time of your death (or Christ's return) would you want to know or not? Why or why not?
- 2 - In verses 11-12 Paul goes to lengths to build up some urgency for the Romans about how to view their time. What terms does he use to create this sense of urgency? Do you think this message to "wake up" is an important one for the church today? Why or why not?
- 3 - Review the Four Action Steps Paul gives in Romans 13:8-14

Build Up Love: What insight do you gain about Christian love from verses 8-11? Is there someone, or some group, that you are finding it hard to love these days? What could you do about that?

Wake Up and Live Ready for the Lord's Return: What were you first taught about the second coming of Christ? Do you remember how it made you feel? Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-5:8. What questions does this answer about the Lord's return? What do you think it means to live ready for the Lord's return?

Clean Up Set aside deeds of darkness: Read Romans 13:12-13. Why do you think Paul singles out the behaviors that he does in these verses? How do these verses speak into today's world? If Paul was making a list like this for today's Christians what behaviors would he include?

Suit Up Put on Christ: Read Romans 13:14. How would you explain to a new Christian what it means to clothe yourself with Christ?

- 4 - Have one person in your group read Colossians 3:12-17 aloud. Take time for each person to share one or two of the Christians virtues on that list that you would like to personally grow in. Take time to pray for one another as well.



If you are ready to take the next step in your faith and get Baptized, don't miss the opportunity to do so today. We have a towel, t-shirt, and shorts available. There is no better time than now.



STEP 2 - GROW
Discovering Spiritual Maturity begins today at 9:45am, in the conference room, next to the @Home center.

