

When In Romans

Rise and Shine

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RISE! It's time to get up and go

Romans 13:11 NLT

This is all the more *urgent*, for you know *how late* it is; *time is running out*. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

LIVE like the LIGHT matters

TAKE OFF the things that don't FIT

Romans 13:12-13 NLT

The night is almost gone; the day of salvation will soon be here. So *remove your dark deeds like dirty clothes*, and put on the *shining armor of right living*. Because we belong to the day, we must live decent lives for all to see. Don't participate in the darkness of wild parties and drunkenness, or in sexual promiscuity and immoral living, or in quarreling and jealousy.

Because of Jesus, I have been CHANGED

REMEMBER who you are

Romans 13:14 NLT

Instead, *clothe yourself* with the *presence* of the Lord *Jesus Christ*. And don't let yourself think about ways to indulge your evil desires.

Every day I need to be COVERED in CHRIST

Talk About It: *Small Group*

For Students

1. What does Paul mean when he says, "Wake up"? What does that look like for you?
2. Where do you feel pressure to blend in instead of shine?
3. What's one thing you know you need to "take off" to follow Jesus better this school year?
4. What does it mean to you to "put on" Jesus in your everyday life?
5. Who around you needs the light and hope of Jesus right now?

For Adults

1. What helps you stay spiritually awake and focused in your life right now?
 2. Are there any "old clothes" you've been holding onto that God is calling you to let go of?
 3. How does your daily life reflect your identity as someone who belongs to the day?
 4. What does it practically mean for you to "clothe yourself with the presence of Christ"?
 5. Who is in your sphere of influence that needs to see Jesus through you right now?
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REMEMBER:

The gospel is the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ... That he died on the cross for our sins and rose again on the 3rd day to defeat sin and death!

Read - Think - Pray - write down your thoughts... then do something -
GO BE THE CHURCH!

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