

# RIVERWOOD BIBLE CHURCH

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## “God’s Wake-Up Call” – Romans 13:11-14

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*<sup>11</sup> Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts. (NASB)*

*“By its very nature, love is a duty which, when discharged, is never discharged...by loving, love is intensified; the more it is exercised, the less it can be satisfied.” - F. Philippi*

### INTRODUCTION

- ✓ **A debt of love** - Verse 8 continues with the idea of debt, but transitions to the \_\_\_\_\_ of love that believers are to have for one another as well as for their fellow neighbor
- ✓ **What is love?** Love is borne out through the \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s Word. He lists specifically the Law and even more specifically, portions of the Ten Commandments, and explains that as we are obedient to God’s standards of righteousness that he has revealed to us through His Word, the basis of that obedience is love.
- ✓ **Fulfillment of the Law** - The law correlates with love. The commandments within the law and their binding obligations do not interfere with the exercise of love because there is no \_\_\_\_\_ between the two.

### WAKE UP! NOW IS THE TIME FOR OBEDIENCE.

- ✓ **Because of the nature of time**
  - The conversation that Jesus had with the Pharisees in Matthew 16:1-4.
- ✓ **Because of the immanence of salvation**
  - IMMANENCY MOTIVATES
    - Luke 12:40 - You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”
    - I Thess. 5:2-3 - for you know very well that the day of the LORD will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.
  - WHY SALVATION IS NEARER
    - \_\_\_\_\_ is nearer
    - Our Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_ is nearer
- ✓ **Because of the difference between day and night**
  - THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE NIGHT vs THE DAY

### HOW DO WE LIVE, NOW THAT WE ARE AWARE OF THE TIME

- ✓ **We cast off the works of darkness**
- ✓ **We put on the armor of light**

✓ We walk appropriately

✓ We put on Jesus Christ

BY BEING \_\_\_\_\_ INTO CHRIST

BY PUTTING ON THE \_\_\_\_\_

BY BEING \_\_\_\_\_ IN MIND

We make no provision for the flesh

✓ BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE SPIRIT

Ephesians 5:18 - be filled with the Spirit

✓ BY GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 10:13 - No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

✓ BY WATCHFUL \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 5:8 - Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

## CONCLUSION

✓ The conduct of the believer should reflect someone who has recognized the \_\_\_\_\_ of the time and the stark contrast between the deeds of darkness and the proper decency of daytime.

✓ The \_\_\_\_\_ for the believer to live as those in the daytime, rather than those in darkness, is found by putting on the Lord Jesus Christ.