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Romans 13:11-14

v. 11: Wake up

- We must truly be _____ and _____ in our lives before God
- We must not be _____ about Jesus

v. 12a: Put aside/Cast off

- We need to put aside/cast off _____ we can put on
- We need to treat sin as we do unclean things, as though we want nothing to do with it because of the destruction it can bring into our lives

v. 12b: Put on

- We must first establish our _____ with Christ before we can _____ the world
- The Christian life is not a playground but a _____

v. 13: Behave decently/Walk properly

- The flesh will be as _____ as we _____ it to be

v. 14: Clothe yourself

- The battle to resist or give in to temptation is _____ or _____ in the mind
- Do not _____ with the flesh
- We should not just be _____; we need to be _____

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Sermon Talks

1. Read Romans 13:11-14
2. What does it mean to wake up from spiritual slumber? Discuss a time when God called you to wake up.
3. How do you put on the Lord Jesus Christ and cast off the works of darkness in your daily life? What are specific works of darkness (ex. envy, anger, alcohol, swearing, pornography) that you need to cast off in your life?
4. Paul challenges us to put on the armor of light and to put on Christ. What do these phrases mean?
5. Read Colossians 3:12-17. What does Paul tell Christians to put on? What else does this text state? How are we to put on Christ in this world, walking properly as light (see Matthew 5:14-16)
6. Why do we need to be established in Christ before we can effectively influence the world for God? What is one way God has given you a new identity and how has it helped you stand against the lies of this world?
7. How does the anticipation of Christ's return influence your actions and attitudes?
8. How do you grow in your appreciation of the grace of God? How has this appreciation allowed you to say no to sin?
9. Read Colossians 4:2-6. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in a time of prayer.

Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word (Romans 13:11-14) and this week's message.

Adoration: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

Confession: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving: What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

Supplication: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?