

Time to Wake Up
Romans 13:11-14

Our obligation: Wake up from our sleep. 11a

- *Do this* refers to 8-10 at least and perhaps all the way back to 12:1ff.
- Do you know the time in which we live? 11:5, Lk. 21:24, Acts 17:26.
- Being awake from sleep is a metaphor defined in 12b-14.

Our motivation: Because the day is near. 11b, 12a

- This *salvation that is nearer* is Christ's coming, as in I Tim. 6:15, I Pt. 1:5. This will fulfill our promised glorification, 8:18, 23, 30.
- How can Paul say our salvation/the day is near? After all, he spoke this 2,000 years ago? See II Pt. 3:4ff.

Our application: Dress appropriately. 12b-14

Being asleep at His coming was Jesus' concern too, Matt. 25:5,6, Mk. 13:35-37. Three commands clarify being awake versus asleep, and note the additional metaphor of clothing.

- 1) Lay aside deeds of darkness and clothe ourselves with the armor of light, Thess. 5:5-8, Eph. 6:10-17.
- 2) Behave properly, avoiding sinful behaviors, I Pt. 4:3, Gal. 5:16ff.
- 3) Clothe ourselves with Jesus, Phil. 1:21, Gal. 2:20, 3:27 versus thinking how to gratify the desires of the flesh (NIV). See 8:5-8.



Are you awake and ready for Jesus' coming or are you asleep? Just look at what you are wearing to know for sure!