

Romans 13:13,14
WALK HONESTLY AS IN THE DAY

- I. We walk.
 - A. "Walk" is to make one's way, to progress; to make due use of opportunities; to regulate one's life; to conduct one's self.
 - B. Having been graciously justified in Jesus, God continues to work, renewing us, so we are enabled to strive after sanctification of life.
- II. The constant presence of our old man requires that we constantly be admonished what not to do.
 - A. "Not in rioting and drunkenness."
 - B. "Not in chambering and wantonness."
 - C. "Not in strife and envying." (Note that these evils are of the same lifestyle as the worst sexual activity and drunkenness.)
 - D. Therefore, let us "make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof."
- III. After many "don'ts" Paul shows that the way to overcome evil is by means of good: "let us put on..."
 - A. "Honestly" is decently, becomingly, properly, appropriate to the fact that we are of the day.
 - 1. It would be dishonest for one who professes to be of the day to walk as in the night.
 - 2. Honesty means that we live our lives as those who belong to the day.
 - B. An honest walk in the day is to "put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ."
 - 1. It means that those who have been justified by grace through faith alone are to continue to put it into practice (Gal. 3:27).
 - 2. It means that we follow His steps and imitate the example He left (Eph. 5:1,2; I Peter 2:21).
 - 3. It means that we live out of Him, drawing all our sustenance from Him, partaking of Him, absorbing the truth about Him.
 - 4. Experiencing God's transforming grace we are able to speak as He spoke, think as He thought, will as He willed
 - 5. It means that we rely on Him, always conscious of our weakness and need for His strength to fight sin and Satan.