



Worship Guide

Wake Up!
Romans 13:11-13

Opening:

1. log on to <https://www.sermonaudio.com/solo/tbcgreer/>
2. click the “webcast” button in the corner, grab a Bible (and a cup of coffee), open in prayer and read Romans 13:11-13

Note: the streaming will hopefully begin at 10:45 AM (after the streaming is complete you should also be able to watch a recording of this sermon at the link above; the sermon is approx. 30 minutes)

Romans 13:11-13

- 11 *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.*
- 12 *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.*
- 13 *Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. (Romans 13:11-13)*

Sermon: Wake Up! (Romans 13:11-13) (below is the outline—feel free to take notes if helpful)

1. indicative: it's time to wake up (v.11-12a)

2. imperative: wake up! (v.12b-13)

Application Questions: after the sermon, read each of the following application questions and discuss.

1. According to this passage, what time is it? What does this mean?

2. If we are already "saved," why then does Paul say that our "salvation" is nearer than we believed? (v.11) Does this imply that followers of Jesus are not yet saved?

3. Paul states that "the day" is near (v.12). What day is he referring to?

4. When specifically mentioning "the deeds of darkness" that we need to "lay aside" (v.12), 3 of the first 4 sins that he refers to are sexual sins (v.13). Why would he focus on this category of sin? Do you think Paul would focus on this same category if he were writing a letter to us today?

5. After mentioning sexual sins and drunkenness Paul refers to "strife and jealousy" (v.13). When are Christians most tempted to fight with and envy others?

6. How does living in light of Christ's return help us to fight against the temptation to sin?

7. For families with young children: Have you ever seen your mom or dad wear their pajamas all day long--to work, to the store, or to church? Why not? When a Christian sins, how is it like wearing pajamas all day long?

Prayer: As a believer in the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ (as taught in Romans 1-11), please pray that the Lord will help you live out the gospel by engaging in specific acts of love toward others--especially fellow believers. Share personal requests with one another. Pray with and for one another.