

# Awake in the Light of the Day

Romans 13:11-12

**Intro:** The Alarms of “Time” – the Christian Call to Live Urgently for Christ in Heaven

## 1. Grasping the Text – 3 possibilities

- a. Personal and individual salvation
- b. Mistaken about the Return of Christ
- c. The Day of the Lord

## 2. Why Live Urgently?

Rising early?

- a. Your assurance of glory
- b. The passing of the age of night
- c. Christian propensity to sleep/sin

## 3. Prizing and Living for the Day

- a. Waking up and walking
- b. The “pull” of the eschatological Spirit
- c. Truly connecting...

*'Tis not for man to trifle ! life is brief;  
And sin is here.  
Our age is but the falling of a leaf  
A dropping tear.  
We have no time to sport away the hours;  
All must be earnest in a world like ours.  
Not many lives, but only one have we—  
One, only one  
How sacred should that one life ever be---  
That narrow span !  
Day after day filled up with blessed toil--  
Hour after hour still bringing in new spoil.  
Our being is no shadow of thin air  
No vacant dream  
No fable of the things that never were,  
But only seem;  
'Tis full of meaning as of mystery,  
Though strange and solemn may that meaning be.  
Our sorrows are no phantom of the night—  
No idle tale;  
No cloud that floats along a sky of light,  
On summer gale;  
They are the true realities of earth;  
Friends and companions even from our birth.  
O life below—how brief, and poor, and sad!  
One heavy sigh.  
O life above—how long, how fair, and glad!  
An endless joy.  
Oh, to be done with daily dying here!  
Oh, to begin the living in yon sphere!  
Oh, to be found where's neither tear nor fear!  
A day of time, how dark! O sky and earth,  
How dull your hue!  
A day of Christ, how bright! O sky and earth,  
Made fair and new!  
Come, better Eden, with thy fresher green;  
Come, bright [Jerusalem], gladden all the scene!*