

Not in the Dark

1) We are not in the Dark – v. 4-8

2) Live in Wakefulness – v. 6-8

3) Meditations on Wakefulness

a) Your History

- Romans 1:18 – Actively suppressing the truth
- 2 Cor 4:4 – Blind
- Isa 6:10 – Deaf
- Rom 3:11 – Senseless
- Eph 4:17-19 – Darkened mind, Spiritually callous
- Titus 3:3 – Foolish, Deceived, Enslaved
- Eph 2:1-3 – Dead

b) Your Awakening

Eph 2:4-10
2 Cor 3:16
2 Cor 4:3-6

John 6:44 – *No one can come to me unless the Father*

who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day.

Acts 16:14 - *...the Lord opened her heart to the things spoken by Paul.*

1 Peter 2:10, 9 – *for once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, SO THAT you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness and into His marvelous light.*

c) Living Woke

Romans 6:12-7:25
Eph 4:17-6:20
Phil 3:1-4:9
Col 2:6-4:6
1 Pet 2:11-5:11

2 Cor 4:16-5:21...

1. Woke Vision – 2 Cor 4:16-5:5

2. Woke Ambition – 2 Cor 5:6-10

3. Woke Mission – 2 Cor 5:11-21

Praxis

1. Have you ever found yourself unprepared for a big day / event? What happened?
2. How is the world saying, "Peace and Safety" these days? What kind of peace? Safety from what?
3. What are the practical benefits of always remembering that we ourselves were once "asleep / drunk"?
4. Why do you think Paul mixes imagery of "sobriety" and having put on armor in v. 8? What are we being protected from? (think carefully on this one)...
5. How does being "not in the dark" to the Day of the Lord affect our perspective on physical health, personal ambition, spiritual mission (see 2 Cor 4:16-5:21).
6. Throughout the week – meditate through these "now awake" passages for key actions to take: Rom 6:12-7:25, Eph 4:17-6:20, Phil 3:1-4:9, Col 2:6-4:6, 1 Pet 2:11-5:11