

“Wake Up O Sleeper:
The Urgency and Intentionality of the Christian Life”
Romans 13:11-14

“Christians strive to know and believe and practice the Word of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of God, by His great grace. When we fall short, and we will, we walk in God’s grace, thank Him for His love and mercy, and then strive to know, believe, and practice the Word of God.” (cf. Philippians 2:12-13)

“Rather speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body...when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” (Ephesians 4:15-16)

- *“The hour has come for you to wake from sleep.”* (1 Corinthians 15:34; Ephesians 5:10-16)
 - We have been awakened by Christ to love God and love others (Mark 12:30-31; Romans 13:8-10). In light of His mercies (Romans 12:1), that is, we are forgiven (Ephesians 1:7), we are adopted sons and daughters (Ephesians 1:5), we are unconditionally loved in Christ (Romans 5:8), we are under His grace (Ephesians 2:8-9), we are made holy and righteous (1 Corinthians 6:11), He will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5), the God of the universe is my Helper (Hebrews 13:6), we have been given the Holy Spirit that empowers us to live according to His Word (Romans 8:9-14), we have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9), we are free from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13), we have access to His presence and He hears our prayers (Hebrews 4:14-16), we are redeemed and rescued (1 Corinthians 1:30), we are more than conquerors through Christ in every circumstance and situation (Romans 8:37), He works all things for our good (Romans 8:28), we are safe and secure in His hand (John 10:28-29), and He intercedes for us (Hebrews 7:25), therefore, offer yourselves as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1).
- Important theology: Positional Righteousness and Practical Righteousness.
 - *Justification*: Justification takes place when God declares those who place their faith in Christ to be righteous/holy (Romans 3:22-25).
 - *Sanctification*: To live a holy life because God has set me apart to be holy; God empowered and man desired holiness (Philippians 2:12-13).
 - The evidence of our *justification* is our *sanctification* (Titus 2:14; Ephesians 2:10).
- *“For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed...”*
 - Because we are closer to our *Glorification/death* (the final removal of sin) or the *return of Christ for His Church*, everyday, we should be striving to grow in holiness because we don’t know when we will stand before Him (2 Peter 3:11).
- *“So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light...”* (Paul is using military language in this portion of Scripture).
 - As a Christian we have things to cast off (Colossians 3:5-9) and we have things to put on (Ephesians 6:10-20). We as Christians are in a war and a war must be taken incredibly seriously (2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Romans 8:13; Galatians 5:16-17; 1 Peter 2:11).
 - This practice of laying aside things or putting them away, is so important that many New Testament writers address the subject in their letters; James (1:21); Peter (1 Peter 2:1); The writer of Hebrews (12:1), and of course Paul.
 - What we know biblically, without a shadow of a doubt, that light and darkness are not compatible (1 John 1:6-10).

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Worship: God Omniscient, God All Knowing (Matt Boswell) 10,000 Reasons (Matt Redman)
He Will Hold Me Fast-Norton Hall Band **Closing Song:** Holy Holy Holy (Sovereign Grace Music)

Service Times: Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- *“Let us walk properly...”*
 - *“Finally, then, brothers, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us, how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. We exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into His own kingdom and glory. Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ....for it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in Him but also suffer for His sake”* (1 Thessalonians 4:1 & 2:12; Philippians 1:27-29; cf. Colossians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1 & 17; Colossians 2:6 & 4:5; Ephesians 5:15; Galatians 5:25).
 - *Orgies and drunkenness* were cultural marks of worldly celebration. We are to no longer celebrate what the world celebrates for the reasons that the world celebrates or in the way that the world celebrates. We do all for the glory of God (Romans 11:33).
 - *Sexual immorality and sensuality* represent a lack of restraint sexually and a lack of honoring God’s Word and design sexually. There is a worldly way to handle sexuality and a holy way to handle sexuality (Hebrews 13:4; Matthew 19:4-6).
 - *Quarreling and jealousy* talks about people needing to have their own way or they create conflict or they have a self-focus above all else, they are covetous (James 3:13-18).
- *“Make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires...”*
 - Paul is saying to us, “Wake up, a battle is to be fought! Dress yourself for battle and glorify God!” Busy yourself for God. Fully surrender to God. Jesus died so that we may live!

Announcements:

- **CHILDREN’S MINISTRY MEETING:** We are having a Children’s Ministry Meeting ***NEXT*** Sunday, October 17th, immediately following the worship service. If you currently serve in or are interested in/have questions about serving in the Children’s Ministry, please plan on attending that meeting!
- **PARENTS’ NIGHT OUT:** On Friday, October 22nd, from 6-8pm, we are offering free child care, giving the parents a chance to enjoy an evening alone while their children are well cared for by responsible adults who love and care for them! Child care will be provided at the Davis residence (632 Mill Race Road). There is a sign-up list on the back table for those parents who would be interested in taking advantage of this Parents’ Night Out!
- **PASTOR APPRECIATION:** Throughout the month of October we are collecting a special offering for the Pastoral Staff for Pastor Appreciation Month. If you would like to give to that, please put your donation into an offering envelope (on the side of the offering box) and mark on the outside of the envelope: “Pastoral Staff Appreciation” OR give your donation on Venmo, making sure to note it is for the “Pastoral Staff Appreciation.”
- **FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner TONIGHT immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!