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[Romans 13:11-14](#)

The Day is Near!

It's time to wake up! I said this hundreds if not thousands of times when waking up my 3 boys for school throughout their childhood. We have all probably said this or heard this from our parents. Paul wrote to the Roman Christians because he was eager to preach the gospel to them, to remind them on certain subjects. In this scripture Paul is telling Christians it's time for us to awake. He wants us to be aware of the signs of this earth for Jesus' return. There are signs all around us. We see signs in nature telling us Winter is coming: falling leaves, cooler temperatures. Signs that Springtime is near as buds pop out on trees as the days grow warmer. But do we see the signs of Jesus' return? Paul is saying no Christian should be surprised. There are signs all around us: the conditions in the world in which we live that are horrible, people that are wicked, selfish, unthankful and unholy.

Why should we wake up? Because our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. At the end of each day, we are one day closer and nearer than we realize.

What should we do? Paul tells us we are to cast out all darkness and sinful ways and put on the armor of light. Our life will be controlled either by our flesh or our spirit. We must choose to be intentional with what we plant in our mind. The world pulls us towards selfish ways, but we are to stay focused daily to cast out the darkness in this life, put on our Christian armor of truth, righteousness, peace and joy. Jesus is coming soon to deliver his church from this present world. It's time to wake up!

Dear Lord, I pray today that you will help me understand the areas in my life that need to change, for the time is near. Awaken me from slumber and cast out any darkness, sinful or hurtful behaviors so I may walk in your will each day.

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