

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

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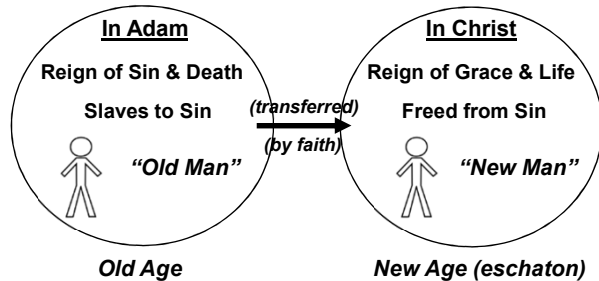
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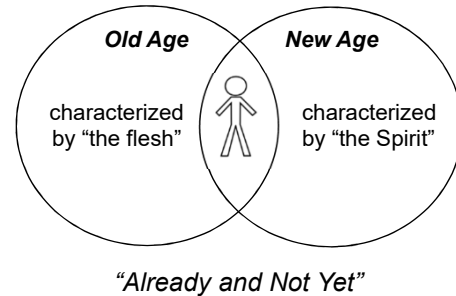
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(Romans 13:11-14)

Two Ages (Realms)



Overlap of the Ages



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Knowing the Time

- Summary of NT ethics:

becoming who you are

or

becoming who you will be

Knowing the Time

1. The day is at hand
 - the day of the Lord, which is Christ's return and our final redemption, is imminent

Knowing the Time

2. Salvation is nearer
 - our complete deliverance and final redemption draws nearer every day

Knowing the Time

3. The hour to awaken from sleep is now
 - we must reject absorption into or conformity with the present "night" age

Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. ² For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. ³ While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; ⁶ so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night.

⁸ But since we are of *the* day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing. (1 Thess. 5:1-11)