

## The Book of Romans

### The Gospel of God

<sup>11</sup> And this *do*, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed.

<sup>12</sup> The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let us put off the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

<sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

<sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to *its* lusts.

(Romans 13:11-14)

## The Dawn of the Day

### Living in the Light

- Our behaviors and values should no longer be those of the darkness but those of the day

### Living in the Light

#### 1. Our Clothing

- put off the behaviors, values and attitudes that characterize the present, evil age
- put on the behaviors, values and attitudes that correspond to the new age in Christ, which are necessary for the battle of faith (cf. 1 Thess. 5:8)

<sup>8</sup> But now you also, put them all off: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices, <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him...

<sup>12</sup> So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. <sup>14</sup> Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

(Colossians 3:8-12)

<sup>22</sup> that, in reference to your former manner of life, you put off the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit...<sup>24</sup> and put on the new self, which in *the likeness of God* has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.

<sup>25</sup> Therefore, putting off falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another...<sup>28</sup> He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have *something* to share with one who has need. <sup>29</sup> Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of *the moment*, so that it will give grace to those who hear.

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### 2. Our Walking

- we are to live honorably as those who already belong to the new age in Christ
- we are *not* to be characterized by...
  - drinking parties/drunkenness
  - sexual immorality of any kind
  - jealous strife

<sup>3</sup> But do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is proper among saints; <sup>4</sup> and *there must be no* filthiness and foolish talk, or vulgar speech, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks...

<sup>6</sup> for you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light *consists in* all goodness and righteousness and truth), <sup>10</sup> approving what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; <sup>12</sup> for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret.

(Ephesians 5:3-12)

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### 3. Our Identity

- consciously embrace Christ in such a way that His character is manifested in all we do and say
- we are to stop planning ahead so as to satisfy our sinful desires