

Wake Up

Romans 13:11

Read Romans 13:11-14

1.) The Reality of Sleepy Christians

Verse 11, "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep..."

Ephesians 5:14 "...Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

Romans 1:1, 7, "Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ...7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints"

Verse 11 "...that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed."

Examples:

A.) King David

2 Samuel 11:1

B.) Jonah

C.) The Disciples

Mathew 26:40-41 - "...So could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter temptation, the spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak."

D.) Charles Simeon

"This broken condition lasted for thirteen years, till he was sixty years old. In all this time Simeon pressed on in his work. The way this weakness came to an end is remarkable and shows the amazing hand of God on this man's life. He tells the story that in 1819 he was on his last visit to Scotland. As he crossed the border he says he was 'almost as perceptibly revived in strength as the woman was after she had touched the hem of our Lord's garment'. His interpretation of God's providence in this begins back before his weakness. Up till then he had promised himself a very active life up to age sixty, and then a 'Sabbath evening.' Now he seemed to hear his Master saying: I laid you aside, because you entertained with satisfaction the thought of resting from your labour; but now you have arrived at the very period when you had promised yourself that satisfaction, and have determined instead to spend your strength for me to the latest hour of your life, I have doubled, trebled, quadrupled your strength, that you may execute your desire on a more extended plan." – John Piper

2.) The Cost of Sleepy Christians

Verse 11, "And do this..."

Romans 12:1 - "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice.."

Romans 12:2 - "2 And do not be conformed to this world..."

Romans 12:11-13

3.) The Cure of Sleepy Christians

Read verse 11

A.) Our Salvation is Past

Ephesians 2:8, "8 For by grace you have been saved..."

Romans 5:1, "Therefore, having been justified by faith..."

B.) Our Salvation is Present

Philippians 2:12-13 "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."

C.) Our Salvation is Future