

“IT IS TIME TO WAKE UP”
ROMANS 13:11,12
A CALL TO WAKE UP SPIRITUALLY

I. TO WAKE UP SPIRITUALLY IS A COMMAND FOR BELIEVERS

- A. It means to be ALERT and RESPONSIVE to the things of God
 - 1. Avoid Spiritual Laziness
 - a. Discipline yourself to Regular Bible Study
 - b. Discipline yourself to Regular Communication with God
 - c. Discipline yourself to Regular Witnessing for Christ
 - d. Discipline yourself to Regular Involvement
 - 2. Avoid Spiritual Apathy
 - a. Lack of Interest in Spiritual things
 - b. Lack of Concern for the Lost and the Spiritually Weak Believers
 - c. Lack of Passion for Spiritual Truth
- B. It means to be in the Constant State of Revival
 - 1. To be Walking with God Daily
 - 2. To be Confessing sin Immediately
 - 3. To be Repenting of sin Completely

ILLUSTRATION:

II. TO WAKE UP SPIRITUALLY IS A NECESSITY FOR BELIEVERS

- A. That we might Watch Spiritually – 1 Thessalonians 5:6a
 - 1. To watch for Satanic Wiles
 - 2. To watch for Sinful Temptations
- B. That we might Think Spiritually – 1 Thessalonians 5:6b
 - 1. To Develop a Spiritual Mind-set
 - 2. To Develop a Biblical World View
- C. That we might be Ready for Christ’s Return – Mark 13:35,36

OBSERVATIONS:

- 1) A Sleeping Person is unconscious and easily captured.
- 2) A Sleeping Christian is of no value to God

ILLUSTRATION:

III. TO WAKE UP SPIRITUALLY IS TIMELY FOR BELIEVERS

OUR SALVATION IS NEARER THAN WHEN WE BELIEVED – VS. 11

- A. A Reference to Christ’s Return when we will receive our glorified bodies.
- B. A Reference to the Judgment Seat of Christ when we will be Rewarded of Godly Living

ILLUSTRATION:

APPLICATION: Note verse 12

- 1) “The night is far spent” – Satan’s dark dominion of the world is about over.
- 2) “The day is at hand” – Christ’s return and the fullness of righteousness.
- 3) “Cast off works of darkness” – Repent of and forsake sins
- 4) “Put on the armor of light” – Walk in fellowship with Christ.