

**Know The Truth – *Wake From Your Slumber!***

**Romans 13: 11-14**

**August 3, 2025**

## Verse 11

**Know the time – *Wake up!***

**Be alert Church!**

**Be on guard Church!**

**Be ready Church!**

**Stop being drowsy, Church!**

**Use your time wisely; “. . . . . *our salvation is nearer than when we first believed*”**

**I believe this is looking at the future tense of our salvation – *GLORIFICATION!***

# Three Tenses of Salvation

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Justification</b>	<b>Sanctification</b>	<b>Glorification</b>
<b>Tense</b>	<b>Past</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Future</b>
<b>Saved from sin's:</b>	<b>Penalty</b>	<b>Power</b>	<b>Presence</b>
<b>Scripture</b>	<b>Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5</b>	<b>Philip 2:12</b>	<b>Rom 5:10</b>

**You are living in a world system that is going in the opposite direction of God**

**The world system wants to lull you to sleep, make you drowsy, unalert and apathetic**

**Hear the prophet Daniel:**

***“But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge will increase.”***

**Daniel 12: 4**

**Knowledge explosion, signs of the end time – John Barnett**

Today, we sit atop a database containing what is arguably the sum total of the world's accumulated knowledge every time we sit down to browse the internet.

From wooden boats with sails to MP3's and DVD's that I can watch or create on the personal computer that can also be my phone, television, radio, stereo, workstation, word processor, electronic document file, movie studio, sound studio, telephone answering service, fax machine, copy machine and printer—and a million other things.

[Our] generation is unique in all human history. Never has humanity been forced to come to terms with so many issues simultaneously -- issues for which we have no historical precedent to use as a guide.

The explosive growth of knowledge has us reeling from what humanist writer Alvin Toffler terms "future shock." It is only in this generation that last year's encyclopedia is about as useful as last month's newspaper. It has been said that the sum of human knowledge from the Flood to 1850 doubled once. It doubled again following World War II. The doubling of human knowledge increases exponentially.

## Verse 12

**Know the time – *Cast off darkness,  
Put on light!***

**What day is Paul talking about?**

*The Rapture! When Christ comes for His bride!*

Those who wake up are to do something – ***“cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light”***

***“Cast off the works of darkness”*** – a command, something you do!

The Holy Spirit in you will empower you to make a Spirit choice, not a darkness-flesh choice

**Jesus is called the light of the world – John 8: 12**

Speaking to followers, hear what Jesus has to say to you:

**Matthew 5: 14-16**

***“Put on the armor of light”*** – ARMOR UP and impact your world!



## Verse 13

**Know the time – *How are you walking?***

When the Bible speaks of “*your walk*”, it is referring to your life

“*Let us walk properly*” = let us live our lives properly; let our light shine for all to see

Middletown Bible Church divides these up:

PARTY SINS – revelry, wild parties with drunkenness

BEDROOM SINS – lewdness and lust; a readiness for all pleasure; unbridled pleasure, no shame whatsoever

SATANIC SINS – strife - quarreling, contention; a contrary attitude; agree-with-me-or-else attitude;  
envying - being jealous of what someone has

How are you walking?

Know who you are, be who you are, act like who you are IN CHRIST!

Verse 14

**Know the time – *Put on the Lord Jesus Christ***

This is speaking of the second tense of our salvation,  
*sanctification* – being set apart to Christ

Something I do through the power of the Holy Spirit

Romans 12: 2 – the “*transformed mind*”

As an armored-up believer I am told to, “. . . . *make no provision for the flesh to fulfill its lust*”

CLOSE: *HOW DO I DO PUT ON CHRIST FOR REAL?*

*Discipline*

“*But I don’t feel like it*” – **Irrelevant!**

*These are orders from your commanding officer!*

## How to kill the flesh:

Spend time with Jesus is a flesh killer – PRAYER

Spend time in God's Word is a flesh killer – DAILY BIBLE STUDY

Spending time with God's people is a flesh killer –  
ACCOUNTABILITY and ENCOURAGEMENT

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SILENCE

## VOCABULARY

# Zeitgeist

(n.)

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Meaning-

spirit or mood of a particular period in history



Example-

Social media perfectly captures the zeitgeist of the modern digital age.

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**SILENCE**

**SOLITUDE**

**SIMPLICITY**

**SURRENDER**

**When we spend time with God and cultivate a love relationship with Him, we are indeed *“putting on the Lord Jesus Christ”***

# shalom

Sha+lom | \shā-'lóm  
[Hebrew]

Hebrew word, rooted in the word "shalom," meant wholeness, completeness, soundness, health, safety and prosperity, carrying with it the implication of permanence.

**KNOW THE TIME - WAKE UP CHURCH!**

**JESUS IS COMING!**

**THIS IS NOT A TIME TO BE DROWSY, CHURCH!**

**MARANATHA BROTHERS & SISTERS!!**

**MARANATHA!!!**