




*Ephesians 5:14,
Romans 13:11-14*

WAKE UP!


Introduction

- The call to stay awake
- Warning of the dangers of spiritual sleep and that such a slumber is like a coma that will result in death unless the believers wakes up
- Amos to the laid back church – “Woe to them that are in ease in Zion.”
- Christ the light of the world has appeared, what are we doing lying in the dark?

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- Christians are found to be sleeping.
 - God's plea to them – watch and pray
 - Paul's in his writings asked the churches to wake up
 - To the Romans – Romans 13:11-14
 - To the Corinthians – awake to righteousness
 - To the Thessalonians – I Thess. 5:6
 - To the Ephesians – Ephesians 5:14

I. When Are Christians Most Tempted To Sleep?

- Two classes – the sleeping Christian and the awakened Christian
- BUT : there are times when every Christian can fall asleep and that sleep last far too long.
- When does this happen?


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- A. When his outward circumstances are pleasant. Luke 12:19**
 - B. When all goes well in spiritual matters.**
 - Mark 9:2, 14:17, 37. 39-40
 - C. When he thinks he has “arrived in his spiritual journey.”**
 - E.g.. Lot, Abraham, Jacob, David, Peter, Demas, Samson

II. How Can One Avoid This Spiritual Sleep?

- Romans 13:11-14

A. Time To Wake Up. This is no time to sleep for our salvation is drawing near.

1. It is a past event where we have been justified – Ephesians 2:8
2. It is a present event where we have been sanctified – Romans 8:11
3. It is a future event where we have been glorified - Philippians 3:20-21



B. Time to change. In the waiting period before Christ's return, we are in danger of becoming negligent.

1. Careless Christian in "night activities" vs. 13

2. Prepare to change our clothes. Put off the clothes of the night and put on the daytime clothes (vs. 12)

■ Ephesians 6: 14-17

C. Time to be holy

- Clothe with the Lord Jesus Christ – vs. 14
- Galatians 3:27
- Colossians 3:12-15

Conclusion

- How then should we live?
- Do not take the grace of God for granted.
- Walk worthy of what He has done for us.
- Live life responsibly because He is coming back soon
- You and I cannot avoid growing old but we can avoid growing cold.