

FOUNDATIONS IN Romans

Romans 13:11-14

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Alta Vista Baptist Church



"This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." – Romans 13:11

- The ONE person you would want to meet.

1) _____ Up! (vs. 11)

- Keep your perspective in focus.



"The light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light." – Ephesians 5:14 (Isaiah 52:1-2, 66:1-3, 1 Corinthians 15:34, 1 Thessalonians 5:5-8)

2) Live with _____ in Mind (vs. 12)

- Temporal vs. Eternal living (*Already but not-yet...*).

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." – John 14:1-4 (John 11:33-44, Acts 7:54-60)

3) Take _____! (vs. 13)

- This takes HARD WORK!

"Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with

perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." – Hebrews 12:1-3 (Colossians 3:5-9, James 4:7)

4) Put _____! (vs. 14)

- Live as a Christ-Centered person.

"Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." – Colossians 3:10-12 (Ephesians 4:22-24, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 6:15)

"Somehow this kind of love is who You are. It's a grace I could never add up. To be somebody You still want. Somehow, You love me as You find me."
– As You Find Me (Hillsong)



DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

- Q1: Who is one living person that you would want to meet? Why?
- Q2: In your "understanding of the present time" why is it so important to live as an example of Jesus to others, to pray for other people's salvation?
- Q3: What does it mean to "live with eternity in mind?" How does that alter your perspective on your life? What priorities might have to change?
- Q4: Read Mark 13:23-37. According to Mark 13 and Romans 13, how are we to prepare ourselves for Christ's return?
- Q5: What kind of temptations do you encounter regularly? How can Paul's teaching in Romans 13:11-14 help you win these battles?
- Q6: Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-5. Why is it important for Christians to remember that we are in a spiritual war right now?
- Q7: What would change in your day if you imagined that Jesus was right before you, and you clothed yourself with Christ?
- Q8: Focus on one person in your life who has not made a decision for Christ yet. How can you encourage them to think eternally and consider their salvation in Christ? Take a moment to pray for that person.