And This Do, Knowing The Time

Tony Mauck · Romans 13:11–14

INTRODUCTION

- Love does no wrong to a neighbor. Love, therefore, is the fulfillment of the law.
- But this lesson is to help you with the latter, running on fumes spiritually, and I think this text is the perfect one to begin as the new year approaches.
- He's saying, you need to wake up. It is time to awaken from spiritual slumber.

1 Knowing the Time: What Time Is It?

Matthew 16:1–4; Luke 12:54–56; 1 Samuel 12:22–25

- Do you know how to discern the appearance of the sky? But cannot discern the signs of the times.
- You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky. But why do you not analyze this present time?
- Apparently, spiritual slumber is related to an inability to discern the time.
- The people weren't discerning the times, but Samuel knew the times, and he knew what he should do, and it's what we should do.
- I'll tell you what time it is. It's time for commitment. It's time for commitment to the Lord above all else.

2 Salvation Is Nearer Than When We Believed

Psalm 37:25

- Our salvation is nearer to us than when we believe. One of the reasons why I like this text is you can roll it out any Sunday, and it's true.
- I have been young and now I'm old, but I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his descendants begging bread.
- The last thing people think that they need often the thing that they need the most. And that's a part of waking up spiritually.
- When is this going to be over? I'm not thinking about this assembly. I'm thinking about this life. I'm thinking about this world. I want to be delivered.

3 The Night Is Vanishing: We Are People of the Day

1 Thessalonians 5:8

- Paul says, it's coming. Your salvation is nearer than when you believe. The night is vanishing. And all of its associated works of darkness.
- The darkness is when bad things happen. The day is when good things are done.

- But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.
- This is serious. This is life and death stuff. And that's really the idea behind these armor passages. We need to gear up.
- And we need to carry with us every day our helmet of salvation.

4 Behave Properly: You Are the Temple of God

1 Corinthians 3; 2 Corinthians 5:20

- All that is of darkness. And all that is earthbound. Is stamped. Temporary. Unfulfilling.
- You are the temple of God. That is what you are. He says, you need to remember what you are. You are the place of God's residence.
- You are bought with a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.
- And so to be his temple, I want to tell you what that rules out. That rules out sexual immorality. That rules out intoxication.
- Inappropriate attitudes towards God's people, and in my experience, they're just as great a problem as the other problems of sexual immorality and intoxication.

5 Put On the Lord Jesus Christ

Galatians 3:27

- The flesh will run naturally to these tendencies that have been described. You have to work against those things.
- And I'll tell you where Christianity begins and where it must continue. And that's putting on the Lord.
- For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ or have clothed yourselves with Christ.
- It's not something we just did way back when that day we were baptized into Christ. It's something we must keep on doing and not be distracted from.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you need to put on Christ so that you'll have this hope?

MY NOTES