

Romans 13:11-14

Romans 13:11 - “Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.”

	2532 [e]	3778 [e]	1492 [e]	3588 [e]	2540 [e]	3754 [e]	5610 [e]	2235 [e]	4771 [e]	1537 [e]	5258 [e]	1453 [e]
	Kai	touto	eidotes	ton	kairon	hoti	hōra	ēdē	hymas	ex	hypnou	egerthēnai
11	Καὶ	τοῦτο	, εἰδότες	τὸν	καιρὸν	, ὅτι	ὥρα	ἤδη	ὑμᾶς	ἐξ	ύπνου	ἐγερθῆναι ;
	And	this	, knowing	the	time	, that	[the] hour	already	for you	out of	sleep	to awaken
	Conj	DPro-ANS	V-RPA-NMP	Art-AMS	N-AMS	Conj	N-NFS	Adv	PPro-A2P	Prep	N-GMS	V-ANP

	3568 [e]	1063 [e]	1452 [e]	1473 [e]	3588 [e]	4991 [e]	2228 [e]	3753 [e]	4100 [e]
	nyn	gar	engyteron	hēmōn	hē	sōtēria	ē	hote	episteusamen
	νῦν	γὰρ	ἐγγύτερον	ἡμῶν	ἢ	σωτηρία	, ἢ	ὅτε	ἐπιστεύσαμεν .
	now	indeed	nearer	[is] of us	the	salvation	than	when first	we believed
	Adv	Conj	Adv	PPro-G1P	Art-NFS	N-NFS	Conj	Adv	V-AIA-1P

- These verses, Romans 13:11-14 are the end of the section Paul began in Romans 12:1-2 where Paul urged the believers to begin living a new lifestyle as a living sacrifice empowered by a renewed mind. In these verses (13:11-14) Paul again calls for a totally new way of living, but this time the focus of the renewed mind is the eschatological future.
- Paul is asking the believers in Rome to look at their present situation as if looking at night turning to day or darkness turning to light.
 - Earlier in Romans Paul asked the believers to look at their present situation while considering the PAST. That is, the past events of Jesus’ death, resurrection and ascension.
 - Here Paul asks the believers to look at their present situation while considering the FUTURE. That is, the ultimate fulfillment of their salvation at Christ’s return.
- The old age can be the Old Testament times before Christ’s first coming, and/or the old age can be this present evil age still under bondage to decay waiting for Christ’s second coming.
- Even believers in this present age who have been born again are waiting for their salvation (phase three, glorification, the redemption of their bodies for the kingdom age)
 - Romans 5:9-10 - “Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.”
 - Romans 8:23 - “And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.”
- Romans 13:11-14 - Two parts:
 - Indicative Mood, the mood of reality - 13:11-12 where Paul reminds the believers of the character of this present age in which we now live: sleep, slumber, night, darkness.
 - Imperative Mood, the mood of command - 13:12-14 where Paul calls the believers to take action and mature with both positive and negative commands:
 - 13:12 - commands to “put off/put on”
 - 13:13 - commands to “walk decently” and “not in darkness”
 - 13:14 - commands to “put on the Lord Jesus” and “make no provision for the flesh”
- Paul now focuses on the time period we have to manifest this “love”, or mature Christian character.
- This is our modus operandi until Jesus returns
 - Philippians 3:20
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 - Ephesians 6:10-18

- NOTE: there is no justification in the Greek text for the addition of the word “especially” in verse 13:11 as some translations do: “and do this especially as you recognize the present time.”
 - “This” refers back to the command to love found in 13:8-10 and, even, all of this section in 12:1-13:10
- Paul identifies “present time” with this:
 - “It is already the hour for you to rise up from sleep”
 - “Salvation is nearer now than when we first believed”
 - “The night is far along, the day is drawing near”
- Night and Day can be illustrations of nighttime behavior and daytime behavior.
 - When the sun rose a person of integrity would rise and begin to work, instead of sleeping during the work hours. Also, lack of integrity would allow a person to misbehave in the night hours.
- Also, “the hour” and “the day” are likely direct references to the Day of the Lord. So, in that sense our behavior should be as if we were already living in the Day of the Lord. A clear illustration of the NOW but NOT YET principle of the New Testament

Romans 13:12 - “The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.”

3588 [e]	3571 [e]	4298 [e]	3588 [e]	1161 [e]	2250 [e]	1448 [e]	659 [e]	3767 [e]	3588 [e]	2041 [e]
hē	nyx	proekopsen	hē	de	hēmera	ēngiken	apothōmetha	oun	ta	erga
12 ἡ	νύξ	προέκοψεν	, ἡ	δὲ	ἡμέρα	ἤγγικεν	; ἀποθώμεθα	οὖν	τὰ	ἔργα
The	night	is nearly over	-	and	[the] day	has drawn near	we should cast off	therefore	the	works
Art-NFS	N-NFS	V-AIA-3S	Art-NFS	Conj	N-NFS	V-RIA-3S	V-ASM-1P	Conj	Art-ANP	N-ANP

3588 [e]	4655 [e]	1746 [e]	1161 [e]	3588 [e]	3696 [e]	3588 [e]	5457 [e]
tou	skotous	endysōmetha	de	ta	hopla	tou	phōtos
τοῦ	σκότους	, ἐνδυσώμεθα	δὲ	τὰ	ὅπλα	τοῦ	φωτός
-	of darkness	should put on	moreover	the	armor	-	of light
Art-GNS	N-GNS	V-ASM-1P	Conj	Art-ANP	N-ANP	Art-GNS	N-GNS

Romans 13:13 - “Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.”

5613 [e]	1722 [e]	2250 [e]	2156 [e]	4043 [e]	3361 [e]	2970 [e]	2532 [e]	3178 [e]	3361 [e]
hōs	en	hēmera	euschēmonōs	peripatēsōmen	mē	kōmois	kai	methais	mē
13 ὡς	ἐν	ἡμέρα	, εὐσχημόνως	περιπατήσωμεν	; μὴ	κώμοις	καὶ	μέθαις	, μὴ
As	in [the]	day	properly	we should walk	not	in reveling	and	drinking	not
Adv	Prep	N-DFS	Adv	V-ASA-1P	Adv	N-DMP	Conj	N-DFP	Adv

2845 [e]	2532 [e]	766 [e]	3361 [e]	2054 [e]	2532 [e]	2205 [e]
koitais	kai	aselgeiais	mē	eridi	kai	zēlō
κοίταις	καὶ	ἀσελγείαις	, μὴ	ἔριδι	καὶ	ζήλῳ
in sexual immorality	and	sensuality	not	in dissension	and	jealousy
N-DFP	Conj	N-DFP	Adv	N-DFS	Conj	N-DMS

- Quarreling and jealousy may be used to set the stage for chapter 14

Romans 13:14 - “But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.”

	235 [e]	1746 [e]	3588 [e]	2962 [e]	2424 [e]	5547 [e]	2532 [e]	3588 [e]	4561 [e]	4307 [e]	3361 [e]
	alla	endysasthe	ton	Kyrion	Iēsoun	Christon	kai	tēs	sarkos	pronoian	mē
14	ἀλλὰ	ἐνδύσασθε	τὸν	Κύριον	Ἰησοῦν	Χριστόν	, καὶ	τῆς	σαρκὸς	πρόνοιαν	μὴ
	But	put on	the	Lord	Jesus	Christ	and	of the	flesh	provision	not
	Conj	V-AMM-2P	Art-AMS	N-AMS	N-AMS	N-AMS	Conj	Art-GFS	N-GFS	N-AFS	Adv

	4160 [e]	1519 [e]	1939 [e]
	poiēisthe	eis	epithymias
	ποιεῖσθε	, εἰς	ἐπιθυμίας .
	make	for	desires
	V-PMM-2P	Prep	N-AFP

- Colossians 3:10-11
- Ephesians 2:16
- Ephesians 4:13 and 4:25
- Galatians 3:27