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GRACE

CHANGES EVERYTHING



WEEK 14 | Wake Up and Get Dressed

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you that I am in Christ through faith in his finished work at Calvary. I recognise that I am in a spiritual battle and I can only be victorious as I abide in Christ and he in me. Keep me from trying to live my life in my own strength, and I pray that I may put on the Lord Jesus in spirit and truth - to his praise and glory, Amen.

From [Prayer Knowing Jesus](#)

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

Do you have a piece of advice that you live by? If so, can you share it? If not, what advice would you like to receive from someone else in your group?

NOTES

WORD

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

[ROMANS 13:8-14](#)

“Putting on: comes from the night/day contrast once more. Here we are, getting up while the rest of the world still thinks it’s night-time; we must put our clothes on. The Christian’s “clothing” — which two verses earlier he has referred to as “armour”, the “armour of light,” the clothing we need when the light has begun to shine — consists of Jesus himself, Jesus the Lord, Jesus the king.”

NT Wright on Romans 13:14 from, “Paul for Everyone: Romans Part 2”.

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 = totally unable; 10 = always consistent), how would you rate your ability to stay out of debt? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. Verse 10 says, “Love does no harm to a neighbour.” Why do you think Paul had to highlight this in his letter to the church at Rome? Could there have been harm done to neighbours? What does this mean for us in our current day and age?
3. Verse 11 has Paul encouraging the church in Rome to awaken from their slumber. What might this mean spiritually, and do you think you are spiritually awakened?
4. After the proclamation to, “behave decently, as in the daytime”, Paul encourages the church to clothe themselves in the Lord Jesus Christ. What does it mean to behave decently in the daytime and to be clothed in Christ?
5. Would you like to trust God with your life? Would you like to receive the gift of life, forever walking with God? Would you like to enter into a saving relationship with God through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER