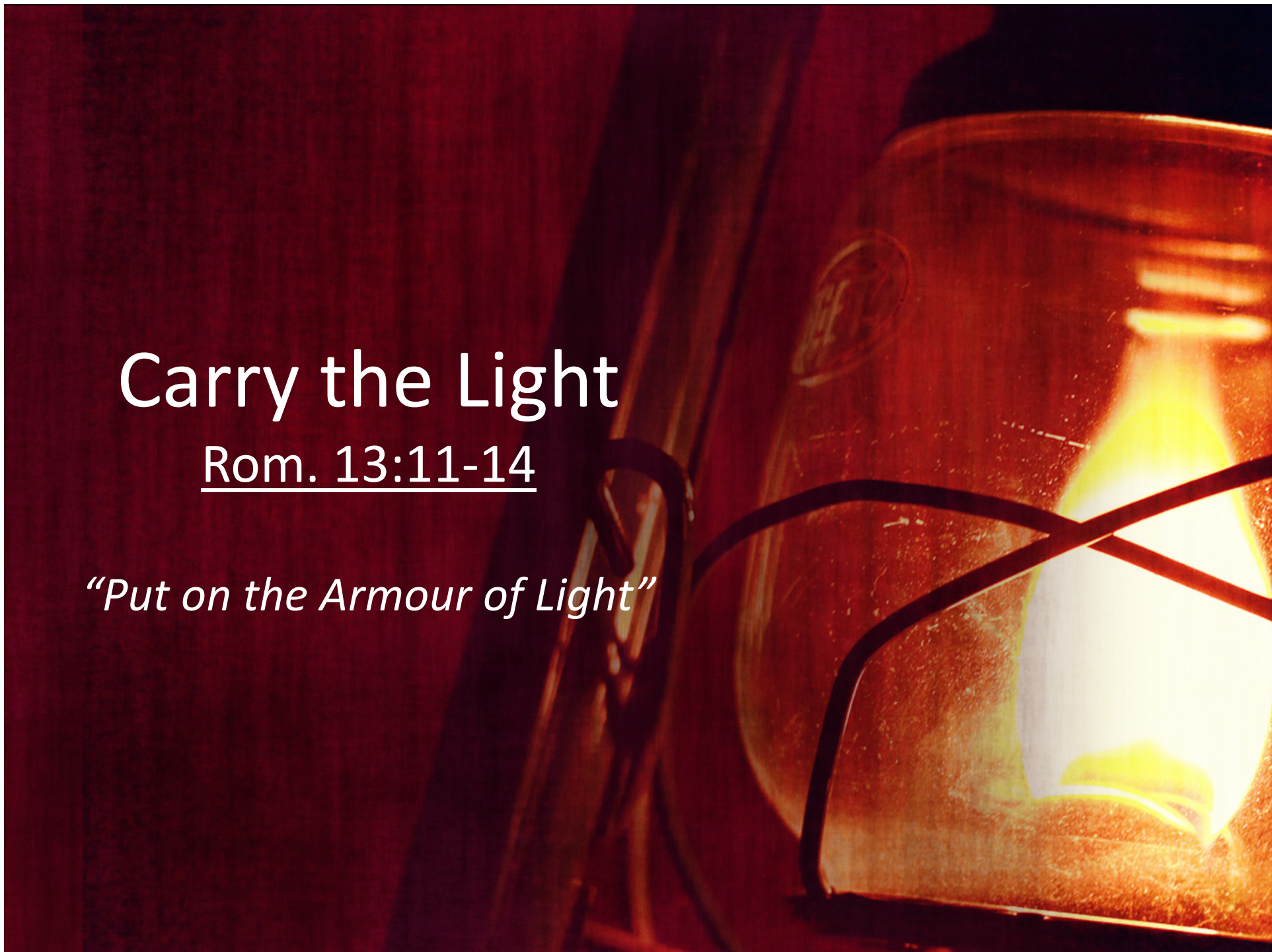


# Carry the Light

Rom. 13:11-14

*“Put on the Armour of Light”*





Rom. 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and **let us put on the armour of light.**

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.





Our new theme for 2017 is “Carry the Light.” On January first, we looked the...THE INTRINSIC POWER and THE ILLUMINATING PURPOSE of light in regard to the woman taken in adultery in Jn. 8.

For several weeks we looked at Joseph, and how he “*carried the light*” into Egypt, as an individual letting his light shine.

*Carrying the Light from the Pit to the Palace*





This morning we begin looking at Rom. 13:11-14 that encourages us to be “carrying the light” from the perspective of the Second Coming of Christ and, consequently, the sense of urgency in *putting on the armour of light*.

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## I. THE GENERAL APPEAL TO CHRISTIANS

Rom. 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.





A. What a Christian should wisely understand –  
“And that, knowing the time...”

Original Word: οἶδα

Transliteration: eídó

Definition: I know, remember, appreciate.

*eídō* ("seeing that becomes knowing") then is **a gateway to grasp spiritual truth (reality) from a physical plane.** (*eídō*) then is physical seeing (sight) which should be the constant bridge to mental and spiritual seeing (*comprehension*).

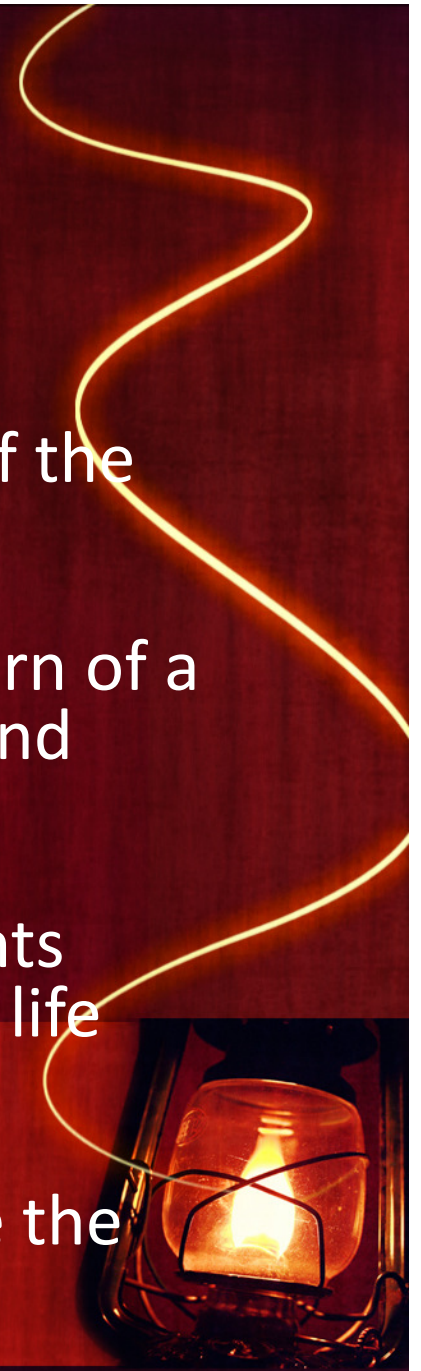
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## A true Christian should know...

- That God is the Creator;
- That man is created for His glory;
- That all mankind has sinned and come short of the glory of God;
- That the Lord Jesus Christ left heaven to be born of a virgin, died for our sins, and after three days and nights, was resurrected from the grave.
- That when one trusts Christ by faith and repents from sin, then the sinner able to begin living a life that brings glory to God.
- That a new believer should learn, love and live the Word of God, for His glory.





B. Why a Christian should wake up –  
“...knowing the **time**, that now *it is* high  
time to awake out of sleep...”

Original Word: καιρός

Transliteration: kairos

Short Definition: fitting season, opportunity, time

*kairós* – time as opportunity. *kairós* ("opportune time") is derived from *kara* ("head") referring to things "coming to a head" to take full-advantage of. (*kairós*) is "the *suitable* time, the *right moment*."

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Mt. 16:1 The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven.

2 He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, *It will be* fair weather: for the sky is red.

3 And in the morning, *It will be* foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. **O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?**

- For not discerning the “times,” the religious crowd was called hypocrites by the Lord Jesus.
- He expects believers to be “knowing the time” in our day, and that it ought to have an effect upon the way we live our lives!





1 Chron. 12:32 “And of the children of Issachar, *which were* **men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do...**”

The priorities of a Christian will be seen by the emphasis of importance shown to Scriptural principles:

- How much Bible reading do you do?
- How much praying do you do?
- How much church do you attend?
- How much witnessing do you do?
- How much giving do you give?
- How much love is for Christ over self?
- How much of Christ and His will is truly first in your thoughts?





Isa. 33:6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of **thy times**, and strength of salvation: **the fear of the LORD is his treasure.**

- The Scriptures are very emphatic about the urgency of our day – “...now it is **high time** to awake out of sleep...”

Original Word: ὥρα

Transliteration: hóra

Definition: (a) a definite space of time, a season, (b) an hour, (c) the particular time for anything.

Properly, an *hour*; (figuratively) a *finite* "season"; *limited* time or opportunity to reach a goal (fulfill a purpose); a *divinely pre-set* time-period; a limited period to accomplish the Lord's specific purpose, i.e. "the hour" in which specific characteristics prevail exactly like that for a limited time.

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1 Jn. 2:18 Little children, **it is the last time**: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby **we know that it is the last time**. ...

28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, **when he shall appear**, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him **at his coming**.

- The sense of urgency is upon the immediate = a wake up call – “...to awake out of sleep...” (figuratively, a spiritual sleep)

Original Word: ἐγείρω

Transliteration: egeiró

Short Definition: I wake, arouse, raise up

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1 Cor. 15:34 **Awake to righteousness, and sin not;**  
for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak  
*this* to your shame.

- Believers need a wake up call!
- Believers need to wake up from the lethargy of laziness.
- Believers need to wake up TO the supremacy of the Scriptures.
- Believers need to wake up from the wickedness of worldliness.
- Believers need to wake up TO sanctification and separation.
- Believers need to wake up from the shallowness of selfishness.





- Believers need to wake up TO the strength of spirituality.
- Believers need to wake up from the confusion of compromise.
- Believers need to wake up TO glory of godliness.
- Believers need to wake up from inconsistencies of irresponsibility.
- Believers need to wake up TO the fruitfulness of faithfulness.

C. When a Christian should watch unremittingly –  
“...for **now** is our salvation nearer than when we believed.”

- The return of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent!





Jas. 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, **unto the coming of the Lord**. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: **for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh**.

9 Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: **behold, the judge standeth before the door**.

1 Pet. 4:7 But **the end of all things is at hand**: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.





Heb. 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and **so much the more, as ye see the day approaching**. ...

37 For yet a little while, and **he that shall come will come**, and will not tarry.

1 Jn. 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, **when he shall appear**, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Col. 3:4 **When Christ, who is our life, shall appear**, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.





2 Tim. 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me **at that day**: and not to me only, but unto all them also **that love his appearing**.

1 Pet. 5:4 And **when the chief Shepherd shall appear**, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.








## Conclusion

- What a Christian should wisely understand – “And that, **knowing** the time...”
- Why a Christian should wake up – “...knowing the time, that **now it is high time to awake out of sleep...**”
- When a Christian should watch unremittingly – “...for **now is our salvation nearer** than when we believed. “





Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that  
bringeth salvation hath appeared to all  
men,

12 Teaching us that, denying  
ungodliness and worldly lusts, **we  
should live soberly, righteously, and  
godly, in this present world;**

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and  
**the glorious appearing of the great  
God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;**