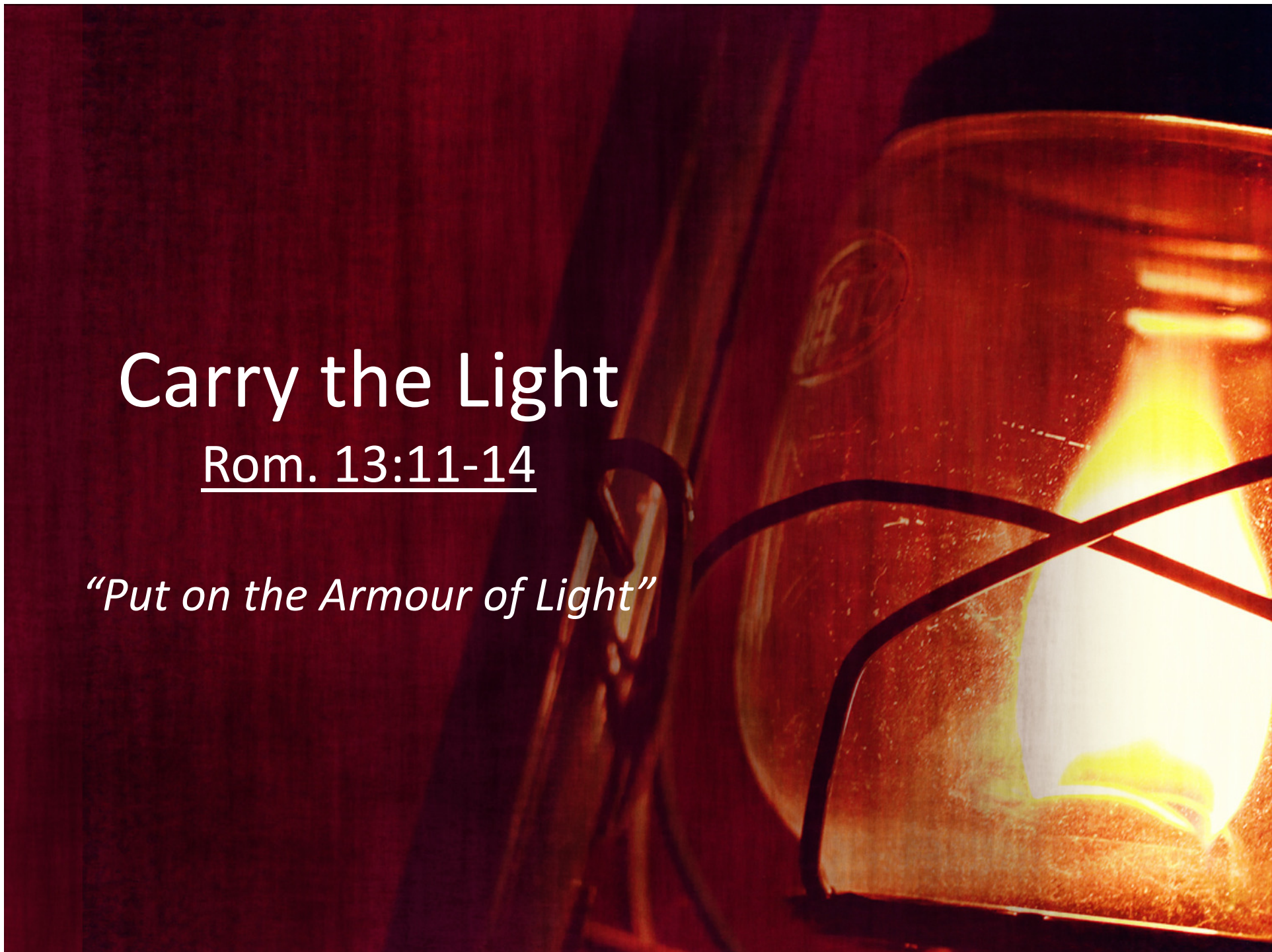


Carry the Light

Rom. 13:11-14

“Put on the Armour of Light”



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Review

Our new theme for 2017 is “Carry the Light.”

A couple of weeks ago we began 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.*



“Put on the Armour of Light”

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...**”

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

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!



II. THE GRACIOUS APPLICATION FOR CHRISTIANS

Rom. 13:12 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.**

A. Grasp the Reality of the Present – “The night is far spent, **the day is at hand...**”

B. Get Rid of the Past – “...let us therefore **cast off the works of darkness...**”

- The Action
- The Association
- The Application

C. Get Ready to Project – “...and **let us put on the armour of light.**”



This morning, as we continue looking at this passage, the first things we notice are the pairs that are presented:

“...the night...the day...”

“...let us therefore cast off the works of darkness...
let us put on the armour of light...”

“...not in rioting...and drunkenness...”

“...not in chambering...and wantonness...”

“...not in strife...and envying.”



III. THE GLORIOUS APPAREL OF THE CHRISTIANS

Rom. 13:13 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*.

General Appeal

Wake up → get dressed → get busy

A. Putting on the Walking Shoes –
“Let us walk honestly...”



Practical particulars for believers to incorporate into daily life:

walk: περιπατέω

Transliteration: peripateó

Short Definition: I walk, conduct my life, live

peripatéō (from *perí*, "comprehensively around," which intensifies *patéō*, "walk") – properly, walk *around*, i.e. in a complete circuit (going "full circle").

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4043.htm>



Jn. 11:9 Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? **If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world.**

10 But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, **because there is no light in him.**

2 Cor. 5:7 (For we **walk by faith**, not by sight:)

Gal. 5:16 *This* I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Eph. 5:2 And **walk in love**, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. ...

8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: **walk as children of light:**



- Because of the light in us, given at salvation, we should walk by faith, in the Spirit, motivated by love, as Christ loved us, as children of light.
- If we do not incorporate such a walk in our life, then it is inevitable to walk in darkness.

Eph. 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,**

1 Jn. 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and **walk in darkness,** we lie, and do not the truth:

7 But **if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,** we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.



- To walk in the light, we are obligated to walk like Christ.

1 Jn. 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him **ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**

- Our spiritual walk produces joy in others!

3 Jn. 1:4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children **walk in truth.**

B. Pairing up the Worldly Standards –
“...as in the day; not in...”



Rom. 13:12

- “...the night...the day...”
- “...let us therefore **cast off** the works of darkness...
let us put on the armour of light...”

Rom. 13:13

v. 13b “...not in rioting...and drunkenness...”



rioting = κῶμος

Transliteration: kómos

Definition: a feasting, reveling, carousal.

kómos (originally, village-merrymaking that took place at the gathering of the grapes, Souter) – a riotous party (drunken feast) which hosted unbridled sexual immorality; hence, *revelings* (debauched "partying").

(*kómos*) had the original meaning, " 'a carousal,' such as a party of revelers parading the streets, or revels held in religious ceremonies, wild, furious, and ecstatic"

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2970.htm>



drunkenness = μέθη

Transliteration: methé

Definition: deep drinking, drunkenness.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3178.htm>

- The “party mentality” produces a deluded mindset of carnality and worldliness that is focused upon self and not upon the Savior.
- v. 13c “...not in chambering...and wantonness...”

chambering = κοίτη

Transliteration: koité

Definition: (a) a bed, (b) a marriage bed; plur: repeated (immoral) sexual intercourse. <http://biblehub.com/greek/2845.htm>

Coitus -- sexual intercourse, especially between a man and a woman

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/coitus?s=t>



wantonness = ἀσέλγεια

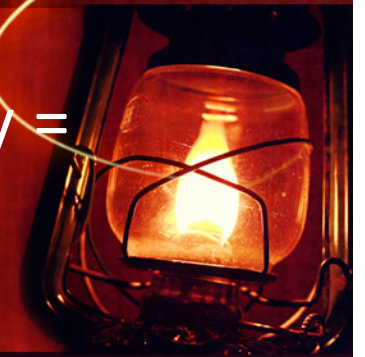
Transliteration: aselgeia

Definition: (outrageous conduct, conduct shocking to public decency, a wanton violence), wantonness, lewdness.

aselgeia (from *aselgēs*/"brutal") – properly, *violent spite* which *rejects restraint* and indulges in lawless insolence (wanton caprice).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/766.htm>

- The picture here is unbridled, out of control lust. The rioting and drunkenness deteriorated into debauchery of greater insensitivity of spirituality = paganistic.



- v. 13d "...not in strife...and envying."

strife = ἔρις, ἰδος

Transliteration: eris

Definition: contention, strife, wrangling.

éris – literally quarrel, strife; properly, a readiness to quarrel (having a *contentious* spirit), affection for dispute.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2054.htm>

envying = ζήλος

Transliteration: zelos

Definition: (a) eagerness, zeal, enthusiasm, (b) jealousy, rivalry.

Properly, burning emotion (inner feeling boiling over, "boiling from heat," J. Thayer); This root (zē-) is used both negatively ("jealousy") and positively ("zeal") depending on *the context*.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2205.htm>

- This pair represents a contentious spirit focusing on self, not upon the welfare of others.



Summary

“...not in rioting...and drunkenness...” = self-denial,
the subtle escape from reality

“...not in chambering...and wantonness...”
= self-satisfaction (on steroids)

“...not in strife...and envying.” = sarcastic selfishness of pride

C. Pleasing the Worthy Savior – “But put ye on the Lord
Jesus Christ...”

Eph. 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech
you that ye **walk worthy** of the vocation wherewith
ye are called,



Col. 1:10 That ye might **walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing**, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1 Thess. 2:12 That ye would **walk worthy of God**, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

1 Thess. 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how **ye ought to walk and to please God**, so ye would abound more and more.



- The imperative directive is to make a rational, conscientious decision of action.
- The action is designed to reflect the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The focus is upon representing submission to Christ over surrendering to self.

Rom. 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.






Conclusion

Psa. 104:2 Who **coverest thyself with light as with a garment**: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

God is light, and He gives us apparel like His, reflecting His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as we put on the *armor of light*. As we live in this present world, we are to separate from selfish sin and submit to selfless service to Christ.

Luke 12:35 Let your loins be girded about, and *your* lights burning;



2 Pet. 1:5 And beside this, **giving all diligence, add to your faith** virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, **they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.