

OUR DUTY AS CHRISTIANS

ROMANS 13:11-14

Text:

Introduction:

1. OUR DUTY TO WATCH (VS. 11)

Romans 13:11

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. Watch the Seasons

The word time refers to season of time.

This verse has to do with the return of the Lord for His people.

The idea here is that the believer is to keep his eyes on the changing world around him and understand that the coming of the Lord is near.

The advice that the Lord gave is still good for us today.

Matthew 24:42-44

⁴² Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. ⁴³ But know this, that if the goodman of the house had

known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.
⁴⁴ Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.

B. Watch for Sleep

Paul tells us that the time for slumber has long since passed.

2. OUR DUTY TO WORK (VS. 12)

Romans 13:12

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. Cast off the works of darkness

B. Put on the Armour of light

3. OUR DUTY TO WALK (VS. 13)

Romans 13:13

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

A. Walk Honestly

B. Walk Holy

4. OUR DUTY TO NOT WAIVER

Romans 13:14

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