

Session #51: “LET US WALK PROPERLY”—Romans 13:11-14

Monday 7:30pm, H 106 (1st floor, High School--foot of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area), Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – Phil Twente, cell # 714 425 9221; email - philtwente@att.net For past studies, audio plus notes, go to: <http://www.missioncalvary.com/> Click on “Bible Studies” on the left column under “Site Map” Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- What does, “*for now our salvation is nearer*” mean in verse 11?
- How many “*let us*” exhortations are in today’s passage? What are these exhortations? vs. 12-13
- How do you “*put on the Lord Jesus Christ*”? Give an example of “put on” v. 14
- How would you define or explain, “*make no provision for the flesh*” v.14

THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 1:18-8:39

THE PROBLEMS OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 9:1-11:36

THE PRACTICES OF THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD - Romans 12:1-15:33

1A. AS TO LIVING FOR THE LORD - 12:1-8

2A. AS TO THE LOVE OF THE LORD - 12:9-21

3A. AS TO THE LAW OF GOD - 13:1-14

1B. Our **SUBJECTION** to the law - 13:1-5

2B. The **SUPPORT** of the law - 13: 6-7 (pay taxes!)

3B. The **SATISFACTION** of the law - 13:8-10 (Love one another!)

➤ **4B. Our SALVATION in Jesus Christ should make a difference - 13:11-14**

Rom 13:11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation (future hope) is nearer than when we first believed.

Rom 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

1C. The Nearness of it - 11-12a - cf. Luke 12:56; Eph. 5:8-14; 1 John 3:2-3 (Wake up Christians - don't fall asleep spiritually!); 1 Thess. 5:1-11 (Let us not sleep!); 1 Pet. 4:7 (the end of all things is at hand – be spiritually alert!); 2 Pet. 3:11-14, 17-18 We don't know about death or His second coming, but we are close!! Heb. 12:1-2 --Do you really believe that Jesus could be coming today? We need to live in expectancy and anticipation of Jesus' soon return! The night of evil is almost over. The times of the Gentiles have about been fulfilled.

2C. The Necessity of applying what we have come to believe - 12b-13

Three times - “let us”

Rom 13:12bc Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of (the) light. (how do I apply what I believe - in the light of the soon coming of the Lord?)

1D. Resist the devil's pressures - 12b - “Therefore let us cast off the works of (the) darkness” cf. Eph. 5:11-14; 6:10-13; James 4:7 The works of darkness leads us away from His light. The world loves darkness!! We are to hate the darkness and love the light!

2D. Rely upon the Lord's protection - 12c - "let us put on the armor of light" - cf. Eph. 6:11, 13-17 The armor of light leads us away from the works of darkness! The armor of light is opposite everything that is from the Devil! Light is righteousness, morality. Darkness is sin! cf. 1 John 1:5-7

Rom 13:13 Let us walk properly (decently, honestly), **as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.**

3D. Refuse to live like non-believers – 13 - "let us walk properly" - NIV - "behave decently" NASB - "behave properly" Greek: *euschemonos* (well scheming) - cf. 1 Cor. 14:40; 1 Thess. 4:12.

Three sets of sinful practices, which dominate unbelievers' lives: **This is what we must not be or do!**

1E. Intemperance - lack of control - "not in revelry and drunkenness" Greek: *komos* - used 3 times - cf. Gal. 5:21; 1 Pet. 4:3 NIV - "orgies" NASB - "carousing" NRSV - "reveling"

2E. Impurity - sexual sin - "not in lewdness and lust" Greek: *koite* - Luke 7:10; Romans 9:10; Hebrews 13:4 Greek: *aselgeia* (Selgeia was a city of morality – aselgeia = not a stoic city) - used 9 times - Mk. 7:22; Gal. 5:19; Eph. 4:19; 1 Pet. 4:3; 2 Pet. 2:7, 18; Jude 4 We are free – to do God's Word! Yield to sin and you will become a slave to it!!!

3E. Intolerance - hostility & tension in personal relationships - "not in strife and envy" cf. Gal. 5:25-26; James 3:10-18 cf. Luke 21:34-36

Rom 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

3C. The Need we constantly have – 14 - "But" - Greek: *alla* - great contrast!

1D. To clothe ourselves with the life and example of our Lord Jesus Christ - "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" - cf. Eph. 4:20-24; Col. 3:8-17 This is directed to believers, not unbelievers!

2D. To control our sinful desires - "make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts" "provision" - Greek: *pronoian* – to think ahead; to plan cf. 1 Peter 4:11; 1 John 2:15-17 **Don't plan ahead regarding satisfying your flesh!** We must begin to live and to walk after the Spirit, making no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lust thereof. That means you go home and you **destroy every X-rated video that you have.** It means that you go home and you **get rid of every magazine that is appealing to the lust of your flesh,** intended to **arouse you sensually.** Get a block on your Internet so that you can't get those programs into your home. Block on your telephone that keeps you from those 900 numbers. **Make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.** We **walk in purity.** We **walk in holiness.** We **walk in righteousness.** We **walk in truth** because Jesus could come before tomorrow morning. We want to be found in Him in that righteousness which is of Christ! We want to be found walking in the Spirit.

Romans 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 6:1-10; John 13:17 **How we need the Lord to do this!!!!**

*"O little town of Bethlehem How still we see thee lie, Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth, The everlasting Light. The hopes and
fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight."*