

HOW TO LIVE THE REST OF YOUR LIFE Romans 13:8-14

In this passage, Paul gives practical instructions about how we, as believers, are to live in light of the Second Coming of Christ. Verse 11 says "*And do this, understanding the present time ... because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.*" Paul prescribes six actions to take that will help us make the most of whatever time we have left.

1. **PAY UP!** Paul is saying don't become over extended in debt. (vs. 8a)
Ps. 37:21, Mt. 5:42, Ex. 22:25-27
2. **BUILD UP!** Love everybody. (vs. 8b-10)
1 Cor. 13. 1-3, 8, 13, Eph. 4:29
3. **WAKE UP!** Don't be spiritually dull. (vs. 11)
Eph. 5:11-15
4. **GEAR UP!** Many Christians don't even know they're in a war. (vs. 12)
Eph. 6:10-17
5. **CLEAN UP!** He gives us six things here, but they come in pairs (vs. 13)
2 Cor. 7:1, 2 Tim. 2:21
6. **DRESS UP!** Learn to think like Jesus -- that's what it means to put on Christ. (vs. 14)
Rom. 12:2, Eph. 4:22-24, Gal. 5:16

