

# The Day is At Hand

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## Romans 13:12

*Read Romans 13:11-14*

*"12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand..."*

### 1.) What is the Night?

*Read verse 13*

A.) The Entire History of the Human Race Since the Fall

B.) The Flesh

*Galatians 5:19, "19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like..."*

C.) The Devil and His Demons

*Ephesians 6:12, "12 ...do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."*

D.) The World

*1 John 5:19, "...the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one."*

*John 3:19-20*

### 2.) What is the Day?

A.) The Prince of Darkness Meets a Missionary Sunrise

*Matthew 4:13-16*

*Isaiah 60:1-3*

B.) The Power of the Flesh Meets a People Under the Power of the Spirit

C.) The Force of the World Meets the Beautiful Reality of the Church

*"9...a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy." 2 Peter 1*

### **3.) What is the Relationship Between These Two Eras?**

#### **A.) For the Christians the Age of Night is No Longer Dominant**

*Galatians 1:3-5*

*2 Peter 3:10*

#### **B.) An Already and a Not Yet**

### **4.) What Does it Mean to Put on an Armor of Light?**

*Read versus 12-14*

#### **A.) Stop Sinning and Start Walking with Jesus**

*v. 12, "...Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness...*

#### **B.) Cast Off the Works of Darkness**

#### **C.) Obeying is Putting on Armor**

*"Paul probably used the word (ὅπλα) armor, instead of works, because these virtues constitute the offensive and defensive weapons with which we are here to contend against sin and evil." —Charles Hodge*

*"...armor is mentioned rather than works, because we are to carry on a warfare for the Lord.." —John Calvin*

*Isaiah 59:14*

*"...Then the Lord saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice. 16 He saw that there was no man, And wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; And His own righteousness, it sustained Him. 17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, And a helmet of salvation on His head..." (Isaiah 59:15-17)*

*"But put on the Lord Jesus Christ..." (v. 14)*

*2 Peter 3:11-13*