

**Knowing the Time**

Rom 13 <sup>11</sup> And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

\* **What theme** does Paul return to to conclude Rom 12 & 13?

\* **What does** Rm 12.2, “Do not be conformed to this world,” actually say in the Greek?

\* **What is** implicit in Paul’s words there?

\* **As modern** evangelicals, what do we tend to think when we hear, “Know the time and live like it”?

\* **What are** the two fundamental errors we tend to make?

– 1)

– 2)

\* **What results** from those errors?

\* **Three big** picture texts:

**1) 1Cor 15.**<sup>20</sup> But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since by man [Adam] came death, by Man also [the new Adam, Jesus] came the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

<sup>23</sup> But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.

<sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

<sup>25</sup> For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

**2) Acts 17.**<sup>30</sup> “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

**3) Rom 2.4-8 & 16:** <sup>4</sup> [D]o you despise the riches of [God's] goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? <sup>5</sup> But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, <sup>6</sup> who "will render to each one according to his deeds": <sup>7</sup> eternal life to those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality; <sup>8</sup> but to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness — indignation and wrath ... <sup>16</sup> in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

\* **Contrast those** three big picture texts with Rm 13.11-12:

<sup>11</sup> Do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

<sup>12</sup> The night is far spent, the day is at hand."

\* **What word** throws us off and why?

\* **Scripture uses** "salvation" to refer to any of the various milestones of salvation history:

– 1) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.

Luke 2.<sup>30</sup> [Simeon to God re 8-day old Jesus:] "[M]y eyes have seen Your salvation"

– 2) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan from heaven.

Rev 12 <sup>9</sup> So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. <sup>10</sup> Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."

– 3) The deliverance of the \_\_\_\_\_, as the true bride of Christ, from the false bride who persecuted her, specifically unbelieving Israel, especially the leadership in Jerusalem.

Rev 19 <sup>1</sup> After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!" <sup>2</sup> For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her."

\* **What "salvation"** is Paul referring to in Rm 13.11? What "day is at hand"?