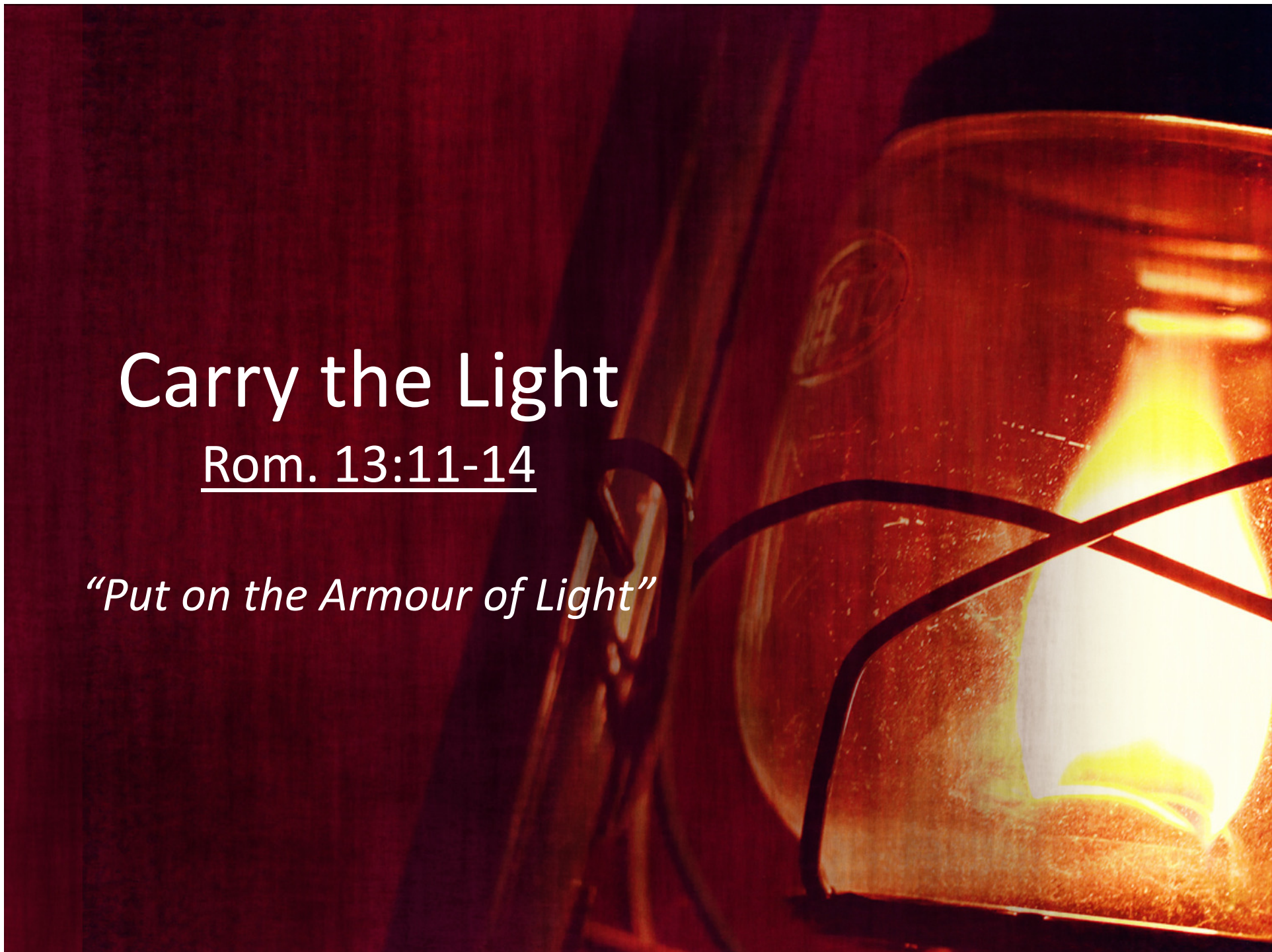


Carry the Light

Rom. 13:11-14

“Put on the Armour of Light”



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Review

Our new theme for 2017 is “Carry the Light.”

Last week we began looking at Rom. 13:11-14 that encourages us to be “carrying the light” from the perspective of the Second Coming of Christ and, consequently, the sense of urgency in *putting on the armour of light.*



“Put on the Armour of Light”

I. THE GENERAL APPEAL TO CHRISTIANS

Rom. 13:11 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. What a Christian should wisely understand –

“And that, **knowing the time...**”

B. Why a Christian should wake up – “...knowing the time, that **now it is high time** to awake out of sleep...”

C. When a Christian should watch unremittingly –
“...for **now** *is* our salvation nearer than when we believed.”

- The return of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent!



Rom. 13:12 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.

Paul, moved by the Holy Spirit, stirs a sense of urgency in the believers' hearts to grasp the reality of the seriousness of responsibility regarding how we should live our lives.

Jesus made a very dramatic statement in Jn. 9:4 "**I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day...**"

Why? "**...the night cometh, when no man can work.**"



II. THE GRACIOUS APPLICATION FOR CHRISTIANS

Rom. 13:12 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. Grasp the Reality of the Present – “The night is far spent, **the day is at hand...**”

Jn. 9:4 **I must work the works** of him that sent me, **while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.**

2 Thess. 2:1 Now we beseech you, brethren, **by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,**

2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that **the day of Christ is at hand.**



1 Pet. 4:7 But **the end of all things is at hand**: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

Rev. 1:3 Blessed *is* he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for **the time is at hand**.

- As mentioned last week, the Second Coming of Christ is Imminent!

B. Get Rid of the Past – “...let us therefore **cast off the works of darkness...**”



- The Action

Original Word: ἀποτίθημι

Transliteration: apotithémi

Definition: I lay off or aside, renounce, stow away, put, cast off (completely)

<http://biblehub.com/greek/659.htm>

Eph. 4:22 That ye **put off** concerning **the former conversation the old man**, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

Col. 3:8 But now ye also **put off** all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.


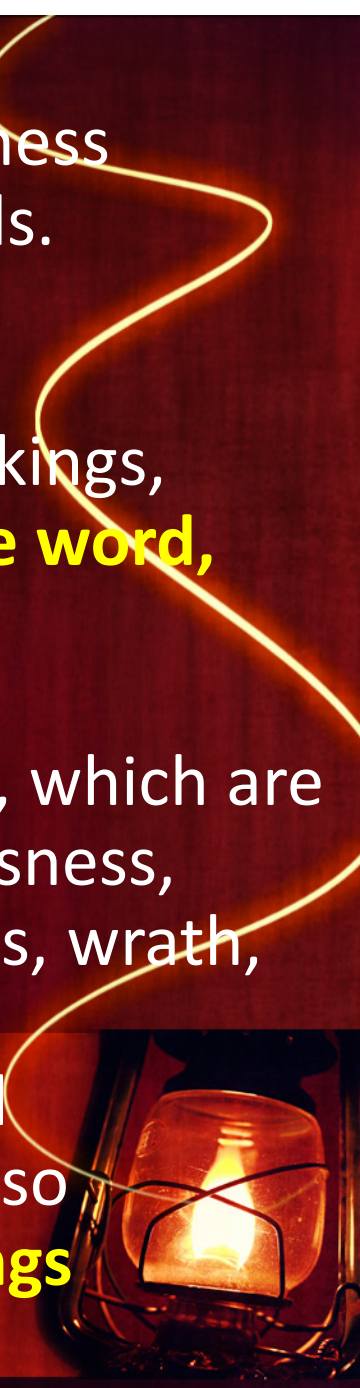
Heb. 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us **lay aside** every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset [us], and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,



Jas. 1:21 Wherefore **lay apart** all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

1 Pet.2:1 Wherefore **laying aside** all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
2 As newborn babes, **desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:**

Gal. 5:19 Now **the works of the flesh are manifest**, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, **that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**



Eph 5:11 And **have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness**, but rather reprove *them*.

- The Association

1 Pet. 2:9 But **ye are** a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath **called you out of darkness into his marvellous light**:

Psa. 104:1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.

2 Who **coverest thyself with light as with a garment**: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:

1 Jn. 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**



- The Application

Eph. 5:8 For **ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord**: walk as **children of light**:

1 Thess. 5:5 **Ye are all the children of light**, and the children of the day: we are **not of the night, nor of darkness**.

2 Cor. 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and **what communion hath light with darkness?**



C. Get Ready to Project – “...and **let us put on the armour of light.**”

Jn. 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

19 And **this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light,** because their deeds were evil.

20 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd.

21 But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.



Phil. 2:14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, **the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;**

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may **rejoice in the day of Christ**, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.





Conclusion

Col. 1:10 That ye might **walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing**, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath **made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:**

13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath **translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:**

14 In whom **we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:**