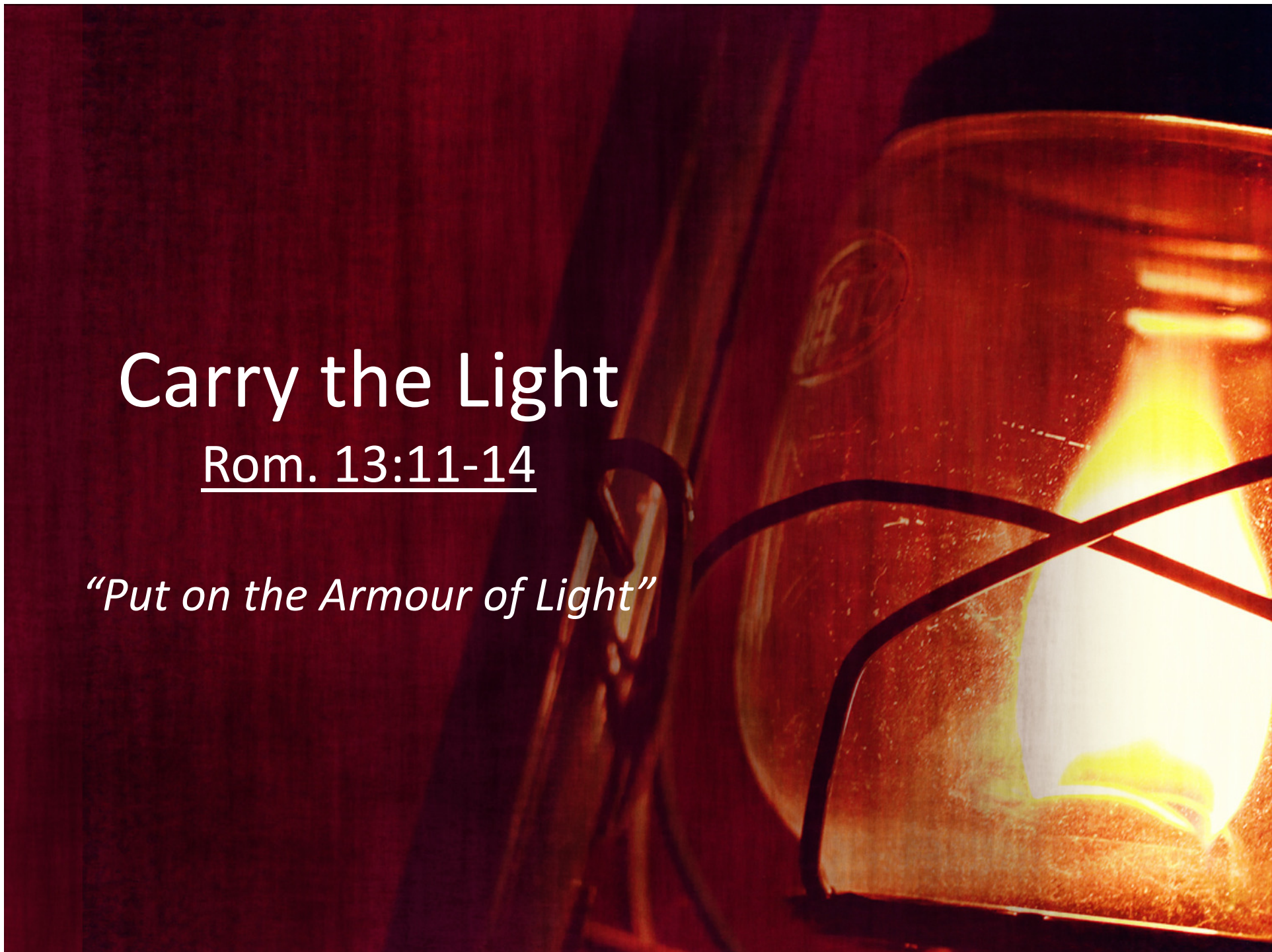


# Carry the Light

Rom. 13:11-14

*“Put on the Armour of Light”*



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.

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.**

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

Our theme for 2017 is “Carry the Light.”



**As I believe, therefore I live.**

1 Cor. 15:10 But **by the grace of God I am what I am**: and his grace which *was bestowed* upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but **the grace of God which was with me.**

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## 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.

- The return of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent!



## 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.**

- Believers need to live like they are the “children of light.”

## III. THE GLORIOUS APPAREL OF THE CHRISTIANS

Rom. 13:13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.



## General Appeal

Wake up → get dressed → get busy

A. Putting on the Walking Shoes –  
“Let us walk honestly...”

Practical particulars for believers to incorporate into daily life:

- Because of the light in us, given at salvation, we should walk by faith, in the Spirit, motivated by love, as Christ loved us, as children of light.
- To walk in the light, we are obligated to walk like Christ.



## B. Pairing up the Worldly Standards – “...as in the day; not in...”

- v. 13b “...not in rioting...and drunkenness...”
- The “party mentality” produces a deluded mindset of carnality and worldliness that is focused upon self and not upon the Savior.
- v. 13c “...not in chambering...and wantonness...”
- The picture here is unbridled, out of control lust. The rioting and drunkenness deteriorated into debauchery of greater insensitivity of spirituality = paganistic.
- v. 13d “...not in strife...and envying.”
- This pair represents a contentious spirit focusing on self, not upon the welfare of others.

## C. Pleasing the Worthy Savior – “But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ...”

- The imperative directive is to make a rational, conscientious decision of action.
- The action is designed to reflect the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The focus is upon representing submission to Christ over surrendering to self.



This morning, we look at what it means to “...put on the Lord Jesus Christ...” and how it parallels v. 12 “...and **let us put on the armour of light.**”

#### IV. THE GLOWING ARMOR OF THE CHRISTIANS

Rom. 13:14 But **put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

The conduct of a true Christian, one who is genuinely “born again,” is the outcome of a doctrinal foundation. This is a common theme throughout the New Testament.

Rom. 13:11 “And that, knowing the time...”



1 Jn. 2:21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, **but because ye know it**, and that no lie is of the truth.

Gal. 4:4 But **when the fulness of the time was come**, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Rom. 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Acts 15:18 **Known unto God are all his works** from the beginning of the world.

God's eternal plans for His glory via mankind have been consistent throughout history.





## A. The Command for the Christian – “...put...on...”

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.

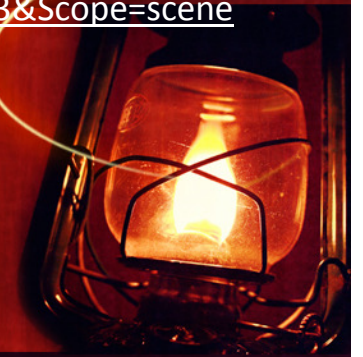
14 But **put ye on** the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.

**“For the apparel oft proclaims the man”**

Polonius (Line 558)

**The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark**

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B. The Conditions for the Christian –  
“...**the Lord Jesus Christ**...”

Rom. 13:12 “...let us put on **the armour of light**...”

Rom. 13:14 “...put ye on **the Lord Jesus Christ**...”

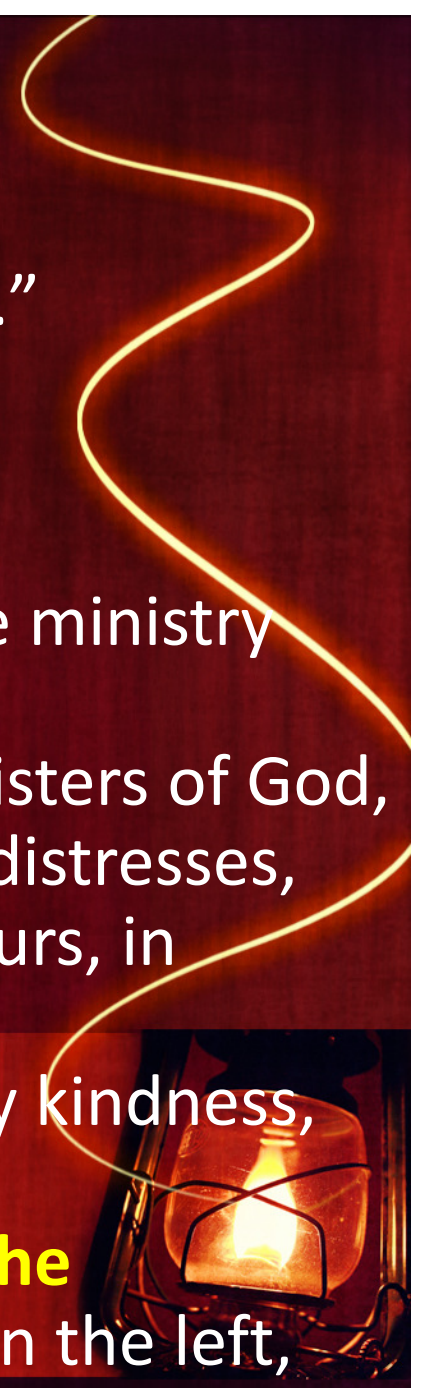
2 Cor. 6:3 **Giving no offence in any thing**, that the ministry be not blamed:

4 But in all *things* approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,

5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;

6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, **by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,**

7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, **by the armour of righteousness** on the right hand and on the left,



C. The Consequences for the Christian – “...make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the lusts *thereof*.”

Original Word: πρόνοια

Transliteration: pronoia

Phonetic Spelling: (pron'-oy-ah)

Definition: forethought, foresight, provision for, providence.

*prónoia* – properly, advance-knowledge ("forethought"), enabling (allowing for) something to happen (premeditated).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4307.htm>

Gal. 5:16 *This* I say then, **Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.**

1 Pet. 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, **abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;**

1 Tim. 5:22b “...keep **thyself pure.**”



## D. The Conquering by the Christian

2 Cor. 10:3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For **the weapons of our warfare** are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;**

Rom. 8:37 Nay, in all these **things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.**





## Conclusion

Mt. 5:14 **Ye are the light** of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

16 Let your light **so shine** before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.