

A DAILY CONSCIOUS COMMITMENT

ROMANS 13:11-14

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: You have at new birth (1) justification—declared righteous, (2) sanctification—declared holy and pure like the Lord Jesus, and (3) grace to become a living sacrifice—grace to daily put off sin and clothe yourself with Jesus.

TO WAKE UP—God calls no one to a lethargic faith. No one is called to be inactive or lukewarm. Instead, by seeking to know Jesus each day as a new treasure to be found, you will find that the Holy Spirit will awaken you to an inner peace, joy, and awareness of His presence. (**Romans 13:11, Ephesians 5:14, fn 5:14, I Thessalonians 5:1-11, fn 5:4, 5, Revelation 3:14-22, fn 3:15, fn 3:20, Romans 12:11**) *How could your encouragement to the people in the “circles” of your life make Jesus attractive to them?*

TO CAST OFF AND LIVE IN—You, like all God’s children, have a past in which you lived in an ungodly kingdom. But God, in His mercy, saved you and transferred you into His kingdom. He tells you now to cast off the dark evil deeds, attitudes, and sinful habits of your past; and put on your new life—Christ Himself—and live in His light. (**Romans 13:12, 13, fn 13:12-14, Colossians 1:12-14, fn 1:13, Ephesians 4:20-24, fn 4:22-24, Psalm 139:23, 24, fn 139:23, 24, I John 1:9, fn 1:9[1st]**) *What habitual sin do you need to cast off, and how could doing this help you live in the light of Jesus?*

TO PUT ON, BUT...—Guard your thinking. One of the most wonderful experiences you can have during your time with the Lord is to daily, by faith, put on or clothe yourself with Christ. Make no opening in your mind for you to dwell on sinful desires. (**Romans 13:14, Colossians 2:6, 7, fn 2:6, 7, Jude 20, 21, James 1:13, 14, fn 1:13, 14, Mark 1:35, fn 1:35-37**) *How could (or will) you clothe yourself with Jesus?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.