

# FACE TO FACE

## ROMANS 13:12 (A Special Lesson)

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

**BACKGROUND:** This section began with the admonition to be a living sacrifice (**Romans 12:1, 2**) or to live like Jesus. This is true worship. The section now ends with an instruction to “clothe” yourself with Jesus, and it encourages you to let the Lord minister to you through the Scriptures.

**BE READY.** Because sin hampers our personal relationship with Jesus, there is an abundance of Scripture exhorting each of us to cast off—to put off—sin. A clean heart looks forward not only to a daily encounter with Jesus, but also it looks forward to seeing Him face to face. (**Romans 13:12, fn 13:12-14, II Peter 3:8-14, fn 3:10, 11, fn 3:13, fn 3:14, Psalm 139:23, 24, fn 139:23, 24, Revelation 22:4, I John 3:1-3, fn 3:2, 3**) *How do you know if you are ready to meet Jesus?*

**ON THAT DAY**—The Day of the Lord in the Old Testament warns of trusting in traditional religion without commitment to God. The Day of Christ in the New Testament warns of Jesus’ sudden coming and the judgment for all—punishment for unbelievers and blessing and rewards for believers. (See Holman Illustrated Bible Dictionary, pp. 397, 398. (**Romans 3:12, Joel 2:28-32, fn 2:31, 32, Acts 1:9-11, fn 1:9-11, I Thessalonians 4:13-5:11, fn 4:13ff, fn 5:2, fn 5:4, 5, II Corinthians 5:9, 10, fn 5:9, 10, I Corinthians 13:12, fn 13:10-12**) *What do you need to change to face Jesus on Judgment Day? How will you make that change?*

**BUT FOR NOW**—You cannot see Jesus face to face, but you can experience Him heart to heart. You can experience the joy of His presence. By faith you can meet with Him throughout the day, and you can also decide when you will set aside time with Him to enjoy each other’s company! (**Romans 13:12, Mark 1:35, fn 1:35-37, Psalm 16:11, Psalm 34:8, fn 34:8, Hebrews 4:12, fn 4:12, Ephesians 6:17, 18, Matthew 7:7, 8, fn 7:7, 8, Romans 13:14**) *What would it take for you to overcome the limitations of time in order to spend time in the Scriptures enjoying the presence of the Lord?*

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

