





**We have individual responsibilities in the wilderness journey.**

- 1. The first is, our body is the Lord's. Rom 12:1-2**
- 2. The next is that we are responsible with reference to the church, to be faithful to the grace committed to us, from the highest gifts down to showing "mercy with cheerfulness".**

**Our responsibility is,  
First to Christ,  
Second to the church,  
And then, in chapter 13, to the powers that be,  
and to our neighbor.**

a. We are subjects, and we do what those in authority order, and I *"give honor to whom honor is due"*:

b. Our testimony before the world is that we overcome evil with good, we obey the powers that be, and we owe no man anything but love.

c. Finally, we abandon the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

a. That is as far as the first light goes. Therefore, we are a very praiseworthy, peculiar, godly people upon this earth. That is Romans.

11: **And this**, knowing the season, that already it is time for you to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer to us than when we [first] believed.

**And this** refers back to verse 10

Paul urges the importance of the foregoing exhortations [*you shall love your neighbor as yourself*] in view of the nearness of the Rapture and the Judgment Seat of Christ.



<sup>10</sup>.....*if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

**Where does this Love through us come from?**

**Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)**

*<sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me..*

**The order IN THIS VERSE is**

- *"I am crucified with Christ" "it is no longer I who live"*
- *"but Christ lives in me" it is not merely that He has given us life,  
  
but He lives in us -- a much more wonderful grace. And then,*
- *"The life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me".*

**"My Father, in His grace, has come in and ended my history in the flesh, by the Cross, and now by the Spirit I am brought into association with His Son at His own right hand in heaven.**

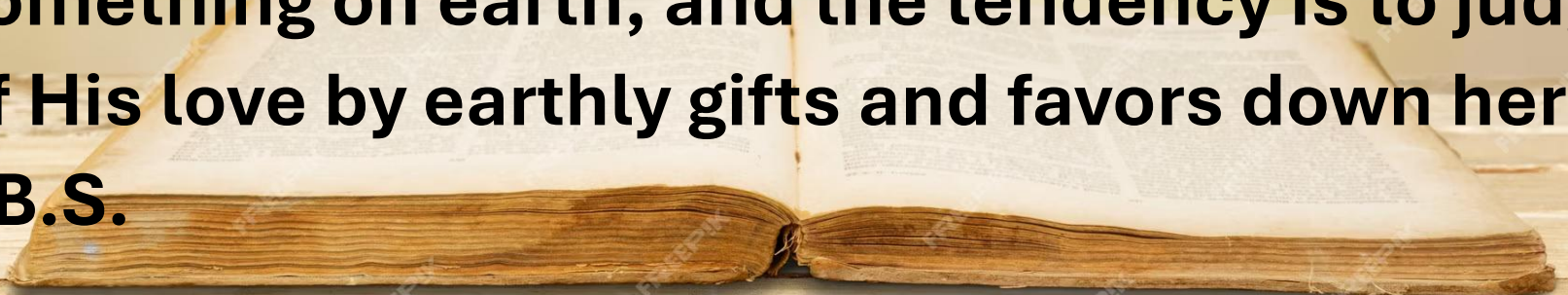
**"It is not only that the Lord Jesus is the object of my heart, but I find that the One I love has made me the object of His heart! A great day for the soul. People are ready to say how they love Him, but how far can they say that they are conscious of His love for them; that they so prize it, that it is the greatest secret of their heart? MJS**





**"When the Lord Jesus' love is before us, we find this love is drawing us from darkness to light.**

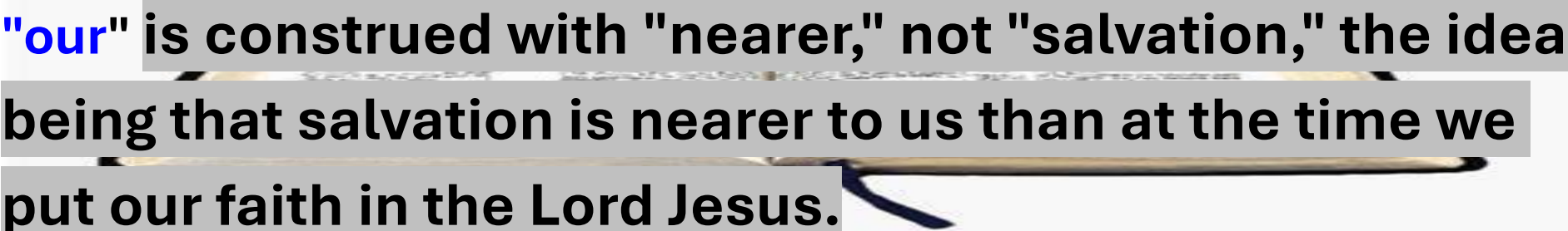
- He begins by showing His desire for your spiritual advancement, and not by advancing you in earthly position.**
- It is beautiful to see that the work of true love is to set aside darkness, or whatever would interfere with intimacy; and therefore, it is not esteemed as it ought to be, because we are looking for something on earth, and the tendency is to judge of His love by earthly gifts and favors down here." - J.B.S.**



11: *And this, knowing the **season**, that already it is time for you to awake out of **sleep**: for now, is **our** salvation nearer to us than when we [first] believed.*

**"Time"** is not **chronos**, "time as such," but **Season** *kairos*, a special, critical, strategic period of time. It is time regarded as having a character of its own, full of significance for them."

**"Sleep"** here refers to a lethargic, non-aggressive, lazy Christian life.

An open Bible is shown in the background, with its pages slightly blurred. Overlaid on the Bible are three horizontal grey bars containing text. The first bar contains the word "our" in blue. The second bar contains the word "nearer," in black. The third bar contains the word "salvation," in black. The text in the bars is part of a larger sentence that is split across the three bars.

**"our"** is construed with "nearer," not "salvation," the idea being that salvation is nearer to us than at the time we put our faith in the Lord Jesus.



# Salvation is in three tenses: *past, present and future*

**justification**, the removal of the guilt and penalty of sin from the believing sinner and the bestowal of a righteousness, Christ Jesus Himself, this occurring at the moment of believing; *present*,

**sanctification**, the continuous process by which the Holy Spirit puts sin out of our lives, produces His own fruit, gradually conforming us to the image of our Lord; and *future*,

**glorification**, the transformation of our bodies at the Rapture into perfect bodies of a new nature. It is of the last that Paul is speaking. The idea is, "*Now is the completion of our salvation nearer to us than the day we placed our faith in the Lord Jesus.*"

*11: And this, knowing the season, that already it is time for you to **awake out of sleep**: for now, is our salvation nearer to us than when we [first] believed.*

**This verse shows us the awful tendency to sink down into slumber and sleep,—into a state of spiritual lethargy in which no Christian responsibilities are effectively done. Believers are to “**know the season**.”**

**Our Lord sternly accused the Jews of His day for their ignorance concerning “the time”;**

*Luke 12:54-57 (NASB77) <sup>56</sup>"You hypocrites! You know how to analyze the appearance of the earth and the sky, but why do you not analyze this present time? <sup>57</sup> "And why do you not even on your own initiative judge what is right?*

*<sup>12</sup> The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.*

**As long as our Lord was on earth, He was the light of the world (John 9:5).**

- **Since He is gone, it is spiritual night.**
- **It was night for the human race from the moment Adam sinned; and deeper night, as sin increased.**
- **Our Lord's coming brought a brief day—a “visit “ of actual blessing, if they received Him. When He returns it will again be day!**





**It is good to know, in our wrestling with “the principalities and powers, the world-rulers of this darkness,” that the night is far spent, the day is at hand.**

*Hebrews 10:<sup>25</sup> not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.*

**No matter what others say about the second coming of Christ, the apostles and the early Church lived in the expectation of it!**



<sup>12</sup> *The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore **lay aside the deeds of darkness** and put on the armor of light.*

**Ephesians 5:8 (NKJV)** *<sup>8</sup>For you were once darkness, but **now you are light in the Lord.** Walk as children of light*

**Colossians 3:8-9** *<sup>8</sup>But now you also **put them all aside**: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth.*

*<sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, **since you laid aside the old man** with its evil practices.*

The “works of darkness” are to be “put away,” “cast off,” “laid aside” **And since “our old man was crucified with Christ,” we see we can put them away!**

**Let us put on the armor of light.**

**In Luke 11:-36, our Lord says: <sup>36</sup>*If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light.***"

This is the redeemed one whom Satan hates and fears,—one filled with light, armored with light. A blaze of light is harder to approach than swords or bullets. Newell

**But here it is more our “walking in the light, as God is in the light,” that is in view. Since we are “light in the Lord,” let us so walk and war!**



***<sup>13</sup> Let us behave (walk) properly (honestly) as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.***

**As those of the day, let us be walking properly —**

- Men choose the night for their revelries; but our night is past, for we are all “*children of the light and of the day*” (*I Thess. 5:5*).**
- Let us therefore do only what is fit for the light and for the day**
- We belong to that “day” which our Lord’s coming will usher in,—and that shortly! Therefore, let us walk **as those already in the daylight of that day!****



<sup>13</sup>Let us behave (*walk*) properly (*honestly*) as in the day, not in *carousing* and *drunkenness*, *not in sexual promiscuity* and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy.

"**Walk**" is *peripateō*, "to conduct one's self, order one's behavior."

"**Properly**" "**Honestly**" is *euschēmonōs*, "in a seemly manner, decently." The idea of honesty is seen in the fact that **the saints are to give an honest impression of themselves to the world.**

**Our outward expression should conform to our inner regenerated being.**

**CAROUSING** "**Rioting**" is *kōmos*, "a revel, hence used generally of feasts and drinking-parties that are protracted till late at night and indulge in revelry" (Thayer).

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**“SEXUAL PROMISCUITY ”** is *koitē*, "sexual intercourse.”

**"SENSUALITY"** is *aselgeia*, "unbridled lust, excess, decadence, shamelessness, insolence."

**“Strife”** is *eridi*, contentious

**" Jealousy, envying"** is *zēlos*, an envious and contentious rivalry."



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**The earth's steadily increasing wave of Noah's-day violence and lawlessness would terrify us, if we did not know that the Lord is coming, to deliver His saints and to judge this very wickedness!**

**“Strife and jealousy,” here, may also indicate those strife's envying's, and jealousies which so frequently remain **not put away** among believers: Paul has to warn us against over and over among Christians:**

***(1 Cor 3:3) for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?***

***(Col. 3:8) “Put away anger, wrath, malice, railing”.***

<sup>14</sup>But **put on** the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.

**Put on**-endusas the-verb Imperative-Aorist-middle voice

*Rm. 6:10 For the death that He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. <sup>11</sup>Even so reckon yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

Ruth Paxson in her book- **Life on The Highest Plane-**

“God always takes the initiative in salvation. Before He asks or expects man to act, He has acted. The work of the Lord Jesus in salvation is a completed work.”

What the Father has made true for us *positionally*, He longs to make real in us *experientially*. This requires our intelligent cooperation in willing consent and in active choice, as the imperative "put on" clearly shows. Therefore, we should learn what our responsibility is and seek to fulfill it.

May we consider three practical ways in which we may "put on the Lord Jesus Christ"?

Ruth Paxson





# 1. Claim Your Position In Christ

- a. In [Ephesians 2:4-6](#) God states a fact of salvation which is true of every saint, whether he ever knows the fact or not.
- b. It is true that every believer was united with Christ in His death and resurrection the moment he believed and is in Christ who is seated in the heavenlies at the Father's right hand.
- c. This new position in Christ is the very foundation of our sanctification and of a walk in newness of life ([Rom. 6:14](#)).
- d. To take our position in the Lord Jesus, daily, **by a definite act of faith, and to see ourselves "far above all,"** is to begin the day in victory - fortified against the power of the world, Satan, and the flesh (our greatest enemy). **We have the advantage, but we are called upon to use it!**

## 2. Covet (**strong desire**) Your Possessions In Christ

- a. Every believer *is* the possessor of *every* spiritual blessing by virtue of being in Christ.
- b. Perhaps our desire for spiritual treasures is at a low ebb.
- c. To claim these effectually we **must covet eagerly**.
- d. To "*Put on The New Man*" will mean seeking after spiritual
- e. riches and setting the affections primarily and preeminently upon heavenly things, rather than earthly.
- f. For co-resurrection with Christ lifts one into a sphere where only Christ and His things can ever satisfy or suffice.

***"If (since) ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth" (Col. 3:1, 2).***

### 3. Count Upon The Power Of The Spirit

- a. To take our position in the Lord Jesus, and to covet our possessions in Him, cannot be done by dependence upon anything in ourselves.
- b. God made provision for just such impotency. The Holy Spirit is resident within us to make Christ a living reality to us, and *in* us. (See [Romans 8:2-14](#) for the Spirit's ministry.
- c. It is His work to conform us to the image of Christ ([2 Cor. 3:18](#)).
- d. Our part is to count upon the Holy Spirit both to keep the old man in the place of death where God has put it, and to manifest the life of the Lord Jesus.

This is true growth in grace.

<sup>14</sup>*But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and **make no provision for the flesh** in regard to its lusts.*

***To "Make provision" is poieō, and pronoia, "forethought,***

**Besides the lower desires, and our natural self-sparing slothfulness, there are all the forms of self-pleasing:**

- **self-esteem, “sensitivity,”**
- **love of praise, man-fearing,**
- **fleshly kindness, flattery of others for selfish ends,**
- **pride, “dignity,”**
- **impatience of non-recognition by others,**
- **sheer empty conceit, and**

**a thousand other “desires of the flesh,” for which no provision is to be made.**

**When the Christian puts on Christ, he clothes his soul in the moral disposition and habits of Christ (Gifford).**



We are on the earth a stranger and a pilgrim, running a race; we are to " "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

God



Man



Man.

If we do not keep up the condition, what will be the consequence?

We will make "*provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lust thereof.*"

**KEEP LOOKING DOWN FOR YOUR LIFE IS HID WITH**

**CHRIST IN GOD**

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