

RELATIONAL SURVIVAL GUIDE



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Our Relationship to Christ's Return

Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires." (Romans 13:8-14, ESV)

Introduction

Understanding the Time (vv. 11-12a)

How To Live in Light of that Future

Live a Life of Love (vv. 8-10)

“Disturbers are to be rebuked, the low-spirited to be encouraged, the infirm to be supported, objectors confuted, the treacherous guarded against, the unskilled taught, the lazy aroused, the contentious restrained, the haughty repressed, litigants pacified, the poor relieved, the oppressed liberated, the good approved, the evil borne with, and all are to be loved.” (Augustine, 5th-Century Church Father)

Live a Life of Light (vv. 12b-14)

Digging Deeper into Our Relationship to Christ’s Return

This week’s passages:

Monday: Romans 13:8-14

Tuesday: Matthew 24

Wednesday: 1 Thessalonians 4

Thursday: 1 Thessalonians 5

Friday: Matthew 18:15-35

Weekend: Review the most meaningful passages or insights of the week.

Each day this week you are invited to read the day’s passage and then respond to the following questions. Take special note of what God’s word says about our citizenship under Christ and under the state. You might find it beneficial to use a journal or notebook to record insights.

1. **Read** the passage prayerfully, listening for the voice of God and asking him to speak to you.
2. **Record** or write down the word, phrase, or verse that God impresses upon you, staying especially alert to the ways of Christ.
3. **Reflect** and write down what it is about this word, phrase or verse that is meaningful to you.
4. **Respond** by writing a prayer or recording what it is that you think the Lord wants you to do in response to his word (“*Be doers of the word and not hearers only*” James 1:22).