

ROMANS—Part 82

Romans 13:10-14

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1. 13:10 Love toward others is the response of a heart aligned with God.
2. Biblical authors used the imagery of putting on clothing as symbolic of spiritual behavior (Isaiah 61:10; Ephesians 4:24).
3. There is something already true about you spiritually and something that should be true about you. There is a holiness you already have and a holiness you should continue to pursue.
4. 13:11 Every hour that ticks by is one hour closer to Jesus' return.
5. 13:11 There will always will urgency until the Lord returns, when opportunities to share the Gospel will end.
6. 13:11 Paul was not speaking to the unsaved but to genuine believers.
7. 13:11 Spiritual laziness can make people appear as though they have no spiritual life. Apathy and sluggishness are intolerable in light of the urgency.
8. *Justification* refers to positional righteousness (who God declares you to be) and is accomplished once and for all. *Sanctification* is a lifelong process of growing in practical righteousness, learning to look and act more like Jesus. *Glorification* is the final stage and refers to your ultimate perfection in eternity.
9. 13:11 Throughout the New Testament, we are called to anticipate the return of our King. It is the ultimate motivation for living with right perspective (Titus 2:11-13; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Peter 4:7; Revelation 22:12).
10. 13:12 The time of rebellion, unbelief, and sin is about to end on this planet. God's time of judgment is approaching, then comes eternal righteousness.

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