

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 13:11-14.

B. Christians are to be Christ-like. (I John 2)

C. One is to be fully like the Savior—every believer puts on Jesus Christ, but he is also to be more and more like Him.

D. Christians need to bring the reality of their living into line with who they are in Jesus Christ. (II Corinthians 3:18)

E. Salvation has come to teach us to live daily in worship. (Titus 2)

II. While we are waiting for Christ we are waiting in holiness. Anticipation for the coming of Christ becomes the motivation for holiness.

III. Commands in light of Jesus' return.

A. Wake up.

1. We know that it is the season of Jesus' return, not the specific time.

2. Consequently, the time of our salvation is nearer than when we believed.

3. The time is urgent. (Acts 1)

4. The church should always live in light of the reality that the next major event is the Second Coming. (I Peter 4:7, James 5:8, II Thessalonians 1:5, I Peter 5:7, II Corinthians 5:10, 4:5, Matthew 7, Jude 6)

B. Throw off.

1. Believers are to get rid of sin. (Psalm 109, Ephesians 4:22, Colossians 3, Hebrews 12:1, I John 1, Ephesians 5:8, Job 24:8)

2. Christians cannot be caught wearing the garments of the world. (Galatians 5:21, I Peter 4, Hebrews 13:4, Galatians 5:19, 5:20)

C. Put on.

1. The believer is to put on holiness. (II Peter 3:12-13, I Thessalonians 5:1-3)

2. We had better be ready for the day. (II Corinthians 5, I Corinthians 4:5, Romans 12, I John 3:2-3)

Application questions:

1. How would you respond to someone who says that Jesus will not likely return for hundreds of years?

2. What does the author mean by “waking up?”

3. What issues do you need to throw off in light of Jesus’ imminent return? What steps can you take today to do so?
