

# The Night is Nearly Over

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 13:8-14.

B. In the risen Lord Jesus, we have a hidden power to love.

C. If people could love there would be no wars, no conflict in relationships, etc.

## II. Love is the radical force that Jesus has let forth in the resurrection—it has power to change the world.

A. This must start with Christians.

B. If one knows Jesus, he already has the power to love.

C. We are to owe nothing but to love.

## III. The Christian must wake up and meet the need for love right around him—it is time to get going.

## IV. It is the time to give up some negative things in order to live in love.

A. There are things that are incompatible with love.

B. One can tell whether he is with Jesus or against Him by whether he gathers people or scatters them.

## V. It is time to put on Jesus Christ as well.

A. When one puts on Christ, he has an amazing power to be free.

B. When one pays the obligation, Christ provides the power.

### **Application questions:**

1. What is the prerequisite to love?

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2. What does it mean to “put on Jesus?” Explain.

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3. What activities and attitudes have been troubling you lately that have been keeping you from putting on Christ? How can knowing Jesus help you forsake these attitudes in order to put Him on?

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