

ROMANS

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The transforming power of seeing Jesus! – Romans 13:11-14

INTRODUCTION: the context is vital!

1. It's been one relationship after another!
2. For conscience sake, we submit to the authorities as ordained by God (13:1-7).
3. From two weeks ago: some concluding issues.
 - a. Should Jesus' people ever disobey their government? Yes!
 - b. How did Jesus relate to the Roman government?
 - c. What issue must dominate our thinking in this area? The spread of the gospel! (See 1Tim. 2:1 -4)
4. Our debt of love: compassion, mercy, & action (with a focus on eternity)!

Here's what we know: being with Jesus is closer than ever (13:11-12a)!

1. Eager anticipation of Jesus' return stimulates transformed living (11a).

Rom. 13:11a Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep.

Rom. 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

2. The joys of our final salvation are on the horizon (11b-12a).

Rom. 13:11b For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. **12a** The night is far gone; the day is at hand.

3. An interlude: what makes seeing Jesus life transforming?

- a. Our hope of seeing Him lives because we live (1 Peter 1:3-9).

1Pet. 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ... **8** Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, **9** obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

- b. Notice the “drama” present on that day revealed in Romans 8:17-25.

heirs – glorified with Christ – glory revealed to us – sons of God – obtain freedom as God’s children
– adoption – bodies redeemed – groan in anticipation

- c. We will taste His love more profoundly than ever-to that point (1 John 3:1-2).

1John 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **2** Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

So, with eyes fixed on the horizon we ... (12b-14)

1. ... actively prepare ourselves to live as light (12b).

Rom. 13:12b So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

2. ... live honorably as in the daylight, not in the filth of dark places (13).

Rom. 13:13 Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.

3. ... wear Christ everywhere without any pockets of “just in case” (14).

Rom. 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A final reminder: eyes fixed on our future transform us in the present.

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SONGS

“Your Name” - Paul Baloche & Glenn Packiam

“King of Heaven” – Paul Baloche & Jason Ingram

“Be Thou My Vision [O God]” – Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne, Russell Mauldin

“Man of Sorrows” - Philip Paul Bliss & Roger Jones

BUDGET

GIVING LAST WEEK: \$50,082.00

WEEKLY NEED: \$34,979.00

YTD GIVING: \$814,776.48

YTD GENERAL NEED: \$804,517.00