

HOW TO LABOR IN LIGHT OF THE 2ND COMING OF CHRIST

“Labor Day Weekend” Message

Series: Transforming Truths

Romans 13:8-14

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⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,”^[a] and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”^[b] ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. ¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.^[c]

In this passage, Paul gives practical instructions about how we, as believers, are to **Labor in light of the Second Coming of Christ**. (How we are to Live and serve) Paul prescribes **5 actions** to take that will help us make the most of whatever time we have left on this earth.

1. BUILD UP! ----- _____ everybody (vs. 8-10)

1 Cor. 13: 1-3, 8, 13, Eph. 4:29

2. WAKE UP! ----- Make the most of every _____ (vs. 11)

Eph. 5:11-15

Why should we wake up, become alert?

1. Our world is rapidly changing.
2. Time is short.
3. Procrastination is one of the biggest enemies of the Christian life.

3. GEAR UP! ----- Get prepared for _____ (vs. 12)

Eph. 6:10-17

4. CLEAN UP! ----- Maintain a pure _____ (vs. 13)

2 Cor. 7:1, 2 Tim. 2:21

six things here, but they come in pairs. What does it mean to live a clean life?

- 1) It's a life of **self-control**.
- 2) It's a life of **moral purity**.
- 3) Live a life of **harmony and love**.

5. DRESS UP! ----- Learn to think like _____ (vs. 14)

Rom. 12:2, Eph. 4:22-24, Gal. 5:1