

For Such a Time As This

Romans 13:11-14

It was April 18th 1775, the British had brought their ships and troops to Boston harbor.

The British planned..... Everyone was asleep, the British had their plan but there was one man Paul Revere.

He was awake and saw what the British were doing and you remember the story, how..... "wake up, wake up the British are coming"

Men got up and put on their clothes and grabbed their muskets they.....

They were ready in a minute to defend their country. P.R. sent out a call that night.....

This morning there is another war, an invisible war trying to destroy our nation.....

We need some modern day P.R.'s to sound the alarm to WAKE UP, the enemy is here.

In Rom. 13, Apostle Paul sounds the alarm and tells us as God's people to do 3 things:

I. Paul says it's time to _____ up. v11

There are 3 things happening today in America that should cause us as God's people and as God's church to wake up.

1. There is _____ in our streets.

Today in America we are in a moral free fall. Our streets are no longer safe our..... Crime and violence is everywhere. Jesus warned us in Matt. 24 that in the last days.....

2. There is _____ in our pulpits.

In 1st Tim. 4:1 Paul warned us, saying, "The Spirit speaketh expressly that in the latter time some will depart from the faith..." 2nd Tim. 4:3-4

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

We're living in a day when many churches are denying the fundamentals of our faith.

No longer preaching the O.T.R. of..... Psalms 11:3 says..... Much of our preaching today in America is like drinking decaffeinated coffee, it won't again !

People are asking, "But what if our preaching offends someone ?"

Key thought: The moment we have a Gospel of no _____,
we have a Gospel of no _____ !

3. There is _____ in our pews.

Too many of us as Christians today are like Sampson.....

This is the age of lukewarmness we are neither hot nor cold. Rev. 3:15-16

Paul says it's time to wake up !

II. It's time to _____ up. v12-13

Paul mentions 6 things we need to "PUT OFF" before we "PUT ON" the armor of God.

These 6 things are divided into 3 couplets.

1. First of all we're to put off "rioting and drunkenness." v13

Rioting means carousing, carousing and drunkenness is what keeps the taverns in business, that's what keeps..... And God says "PUT them OFF"

2. Secondly we are to put off "chambering and wantonness." v13

Chambering means sexual immorality. Wantonness means without shame.

There is no shame today in America. **Jeremiah 6:15**

Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? NO, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush...

We have raised a generation of _____ !

Isaiah 3:9 *The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not.....*

We have sin today in America that is arrogant and proud.

Things that once slinked.....

3. Thirdly we are to put off "strife and envying." v13

Strife means the desire for power. Envy means wanting more.

Paul says, if your heart is the headquarters for hate, if you're never satisfied, always wanting more, God's Word says it's time to.....

III. Finally it's time to _____ up.

As God's people we are not to be going around like a bunch of spiritual nudists. v12,14

We are to dress up by putting on the L.J.C.

Notice 3 things:

1. We are to put on the Lord for _____. For He is our Master.

As our Master.....

2. We are to put on Jesus for _____. For He is our Savior.

He's come to deliver us.

3. We are to put on Christ for _____ !

Christ means Messiah, He's our King, He is the One who rules and reigns !

The hour is late and the night is far spent; it's time for God's Glory, that we as God's people, "PUT ON" the L.J.C. for He is our.....