

Romans 13:12-14 *“he night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts”*

Oh that we could have a glow about us! I believe Adam and Eve were clothed with light – the very Shikinah Glory of God -- prior to their fall in the Garden. Remember those old paintings with a halo painted about the head. Wouldn't you like to glow and radiate the very glory and presence of God? How can we make that a reality for ourselves? Well, the answer is in casting off and putting on! Every morning, by faith, we must cast off and put on! One more thing – living as a Christian is a walk. When we walk, we make progress. We are on a journey to our eternal home.

I. EACH MORNING, WE PREPARE FOR OUR WALK BY CASTING OFF.

Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness

A. We have been translated from the Kingdom of Darkness into the Kingdom of Light so lets act like it. **Colosians 1:13** *13 “ho hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:”* **Ephesians 5:8** *“8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:”* It is a fact that we are citizens of a heavenly Kingdom of light, so lets act like it.

B. Isn't it amazing that this command to cast off revelry & drunkenness, lewdness & lust, and strife & envy is addressed to Christians?

1. Christians usually get a birthday gift when they are first saved:
2. The Christian walk usually involves a lifetime of casting off works of darkness. The old sin nature is dead, buried and gone, but as long as we are in these mortal bodies, we will deal with temptations of the flesh.
3. Just takes us for salvation just as we are – “Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me...”
4. Our nation is still blessed with an atmosphere of morality that is a hangover of the past when most citizens were Christians. That is changing!
5. Note how drunkenness leads to revelry, lust leads to lewdness and envy leads to strife.

C. Once we have made a decision to cast off these works of darkness (usually in the morning), we need to make no provision for the flesh: Note Rom.13:14b “...and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts”

1. Make no provision by managing your mind: Scriptures teach us that our thoughts determine or lead to our feelings, and our thoughts and feelings eventually result in our actions. Jesus said, in **Matthew 15:19** *“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies...”* Note how Jesus lists the evil thoughts first. The thoughts lead to actions.
2. Make no provision by monitoring your media: What are you listening to and watching? What Would Jesus Do? Would he watch or listen to the shows you watch and listen to?
3. Make no provision by minimizing opportunity to sin: **1 Corinthians 6:18** “Flee fornication...” **Matthew 26:41** “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” We need to humbly recognize our weaknesses or the sin that so easily besets us, then avoid situations.

4. Make no provision by magnifying the consequences. ***Hosea 8:7*** “*They sow the wind, And reap the whirlwind.*” Learn to meditate on the consequences of sin and the rewards of resisting temptation. David committed adultery and the consequences were long lasting and horrendous! In addition, a special reward awaits those who resist temptation: ***James 1:12*** “*Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.*”

II. EVERY MORNING, WE PREPARE FOR OUR WALK BY PUTTING ON Romans 13:12,14, and let us put on the armor of light.... But put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

My clothes go with me everywhere.

My clothes are an outward expression of my inner personality.

My clothes are clean and ironed.

Best description of what it means to put on the Lord Jesus Christ is found in ***Colossians 3:1-17*** *1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. 5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. 8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all. 12 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. 14 But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

A. Put on the Lord: he is your Lord.

B. Put on Jesus: get a clear picture of Jesus when He walked on this earth

C. Put on Christ: Jesus is anointed prophet, priest and king. Put Him on the throne.

D. Put on:

(1)	mercy		
(2)	kindness		
(3)	humility		
(4)	meekness		
(5)	longsuffering, bearing with one another		
(6)	forgiveness		
(7)	love	(8) peace of God	(9)thankfulness