

# CONFIDENCE IN CHRIST

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**Message Title:** Confidence at His Coming

**Message Text:** Romans 13:11-14; 1 John 2:28

**Introduction:** The heart of God is that all believers would face the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ with confidence.

*Passages on the Rapture— 1 Corinthians 15:51–52; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

## 1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (11-12)

*Romans 13:11 And that, knowing the time...*

### A. It is Time to \_\_\_\_\_ (11)

*Romans 13:11 ...that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.*

Definition—Awake: to arise (get up); to wake up and arise

*1 Corinthians 15:34 Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.*

*2 Timothy 3:1–4 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;*

*Mark 13:32–36 But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. 33 Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. 34 For the*

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man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. 35 Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: 36 Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping

Romans 13:12 *The night is far spent, the day is at hand...*

Every day is a spiritual battle, but especially the last days.

## B. It is Time for \_\_\_\_\_ (12)

Romans 13:12 *...let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.*

Ephesians 5:11 *And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*

See Ephesians 5:3–5

Definition—Armor: a protective piece of equipment or tool

1 Thessalonians 5:8 *But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.*

Ephesians 6:10–13 *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood,*

## ARMOR OF LIGHT

### THE BELT OF TRUTH

truth is what binds our Christian living

### THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

righteous living is a sure protection

### THE SHOES OF THE GOSPEL

a sure standing in Christ; a readiness inspired by the Gospel that gives peace.

### THE SHIELD OF FAITH

deflecting darts of doubt and unbelief

### THE HELMET OF SALVATION

the hope—expectation—of salvation

### THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

the specific words of God

*but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

Quote: The armor of light [is the] protective covering of a holy life. The pieces describe the elements of true Christian character. —MacDonald

## 2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (13-14)

*1 John 2:28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming*

Abide — Remain, Continue

Note: John used *menō* 66 of the 112 times it occurs in the NT: 40 in John, 23 in 1 John, and 3 in 2 John.

*See John 15:4-5; John 8:31; Colossians 3:16-17*

Christ \_\_\_\_\_ me and Christ \_\_\_\_\_ me.

### A. An Abiding \_\_\_\_\_ (13)

*Romans 13:13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying*

Definition—Honestly: decorously; in a manner characterized by propriety in manners and conduct.

This is the practical \_\_\_\_\_ of an *alert* believer.

*1 Thessalonians 4:12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing*

*Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;*

WHAT WE MUST REFUSE—RIOTING, DRUNKENNESS,  
CHAMBERING, WANTONNESS, STRIFE, ENVYING.

*See Galatians 5:19–21*

**B. An Abiding \_\_\_\_\_ (14)**

There is a *planning* that needs to happen.

*Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*

Put ye on — clothe

Quote: This means that we should adopt His whole lifestyle, live as He lived, accept Him as our Guide and Example. — MacDonald

Quote: When the Christian puts on Christ, he clothes his soul in the moral disposition and habits of Christ. — Gifford

Definition—Provision: provisional thinking n. — the cognitive process of thinking about what you will do in the event of something happening.

**Conclusion**

Am I \_\_\_\_\_?

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