



**BRIDGING the GAP**  
a study of Romans  
Part 5: THE JOURNEY

***It's Time to Wake Up***  
**Romans 13:11-14**

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*The American church is on the precipice of a spiritual recession. Our membership is shrinking, young Christians are fleeing, and the culture around us is quickly turning hostile and antagonistic. How can we avoid a devastating collapse (John S. Dickerson, The Great Evangelical Recession)?*

In American today, people of faith desperately need a wake-up call. If we refuse to wake up to the crisis of faith surrounding us, a total spiritual collapse cannot be prevented.

In today's study, a great man of God recognized the urgent need to give a spiritual wake-up call to the people of faith in his day.

**LEARNING FROM GOD'S WORD . . .**

➡ *It is past time for the \_\_\_\_\_ to wake up, pray up, and show up for the work that God has called us to do.*

**1. We need a wake-up \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11).**

Jm. 5:8; 1 Pt. 4:7; Heb. 9:27-28; Eph. 5:14b-16

**2. We need wise \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12).**

- \_\_\_\_\_ off the works of darkness (v. 12a).
- \_\_\_\_\_ yourself with the armor of light (v. 12b).

Eph. 4:22-24; 6:11-13

**3. We need words of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13-14).**

1 Cor. 6:9-11, 18; Mt. 7:23b; 25:21a

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD . . .**

✓ *If you stood before Jesus today, would He say, "I never knew you; \_\_\_\_\_ from me?"*

✓ *If you stood before Jesus today, would He say, "Well done, My good and \_\_\_\_\_ servant?"*