

Romans # 180

**“One Day Closer, are You Awake Yet?”**

*Romans 13:11-14; Hebrews 4:1-3; Lamentations 3:21-25*

**1st Peter 1:13; 4:7; 5:8 “Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at His coming. The end of all things is near. Therefore, be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”**

**1st Corinthians 16:13 “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.”**

**Revelation 16:15 “Look, I come like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake and remains clothed, so as not to go naked and be shamefully exposed.”**

**Romans 13:11 “The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber.”**

**So, to believe in Jesus Christ is to understand and agree with or believe what the Bible says about Jesus and His cross, nothing more, nothing less.**

Faith is a decision of the mind that understands and agrees that a concept or statement is true.

*Faith is not something we do, it's the way we receive what God has done for us.*

Faith is understanding and agreeing with or believing the statements of Scripture regarding the substitutionary spiritual death of Jesus Christ on the cross for our justification salvation.

And then faith is directed to the promises of God for our spiritual growth.

**Processed biblical truth gives us an alertness in life, so we must understand that we only have a limited amount of time in this life.**

As long as we are on this earth, there is a purpose for us, the advance to spiritual maturity.

*We only have a short time on earth and we ruin our short time by having the wrong priorities.*

Whatever is in our scale of values according to our conscience, receives most of our attention every day.

Every day is long enough for us to have time for sleep, work and pleasure; which all eventually become meaningless unless we have God's Word in our souls.

**We are not commanded to stop having pleasure or stop succeeding in business but there must be something more important than what we do in life and that's the Word of God or it's nothing.**

**When we see the reality of what life is all about, we can put on the Lord Jesus Christ, knowing that's why we're here.**

We put on the Living Word by taking in the Written Word.