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## AWAKE IN THE SPIRIT

### SERMON SCRIPTURES

Romans 13:11-14

1 Corinthians 15:33-34

Ephesians 5:13-17

Ephesians 5:8-12

1 Thess. 4:4-5

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Galatians 3:27

Galatians 5:16

As Believer's in the Body of Christ, God knows our needs and the plans that He has for each of us. In **Philippians 3:14** it motivates us to "*Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*"

Jesus paid it all with His Blood. By Faith, we believe that Jesus sacrificed His life on the Cross for us

(**Colossians 2:14-15**). Because of this, we have access to many benefits!

Some of our benefits include His peace and rest (**John 14:27, Matthew 11:28-29**), joy (**Nehemiah 8:10**), forgiveness (**1 John 1:9**),

Salvation (**John 10:10**), and more. God is calling His people to awake in the Spirit!

In these perilous times, it's important that we focus on giving God our very best. We can't hide anything from Him, because He knows all and sees all (**Proverbs 15:3, Job 28:24, Hebrews 4:13**). All He wants is for us to communicate and fellowship with Him daily. For example, the fellowship He had with Adam and Eve in the Garden.

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Adam and Eve always enjoyed God's visitation during the cool of the day. However, their relationship with Him changed when they disobeyed Him. Afraid and guilty, Adam and Eve hid themselves amongst the trees from His Presence (**Genesis 3:8**).

As they were ashamed and naked, God knew where they were, and what they've done (**Genesis 3:11**).

He gave them an opportunity to confess their disobedience/sin (**Genesis 3:9, 3:11**), they didn't. Instead Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the serpent (**Genesis 3:12-13**). Their disobedience cost them a lot (**Genesis 3:16-24**).

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Again, we can't hide anything from God! If we start to slack in our prayer life, back up from meditating on His Word, and stop spending quality time in His Presence, we will begin to distance ourselves from Him.

In Christ we have abundant life (**John 10:10**) but the enemy comes to steal, to kill, and to destroy by any means necessary. Don't be fooled by his schemes and plots! It's time for us to wake up to God's righteousness! His Word warns us about the perilous times in **2 Timothy 3:1-13**, and to awake from our spiritual sleep.

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We must seek after God and fulfill the purpose He has for our lives. It's important that we find out what He is requiring of us (His Perfect Will). Awake from spiritual apathy! *Spiritual apathy* is a lack of emotion or a lack of interest. Many in society aren't interested in the things of God anymore. They've lost the fire for evangelizing, meditating on His Word, having a relationship with Him, etc.

We must make ourselves available to what Christ has to offer. We don't have to lower our standards or serve the enemy for anything. Christ can satisfy all of our needs (**Philippians 4:19**)!

God is giving us time to get things right with Him. Again, we must understand His Perfect Will for our lives and pursue Him to fulfill that. In **John 14:6** it reassures us that Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.

It is important that we take God's Word seriously. Choose to be influenced by what His Word says about you, instead of who you associate yourselves with. In **1 Corinthians 15:33**, it warns us that evil communications corrupts good morals. Whomever we associate ourselves with, has the power to influence us.

*If we choose to put our Faith in Christ and His finished work on the Cross, we will live victorious.*

In order for us to be victorious in living for Christ, and being on fire for God, it's going to take us putting our Faith in Christ and His finished work on the Cross. In our strength we can't do anything for God, we'll fail. But by Faith, and in allowing the Holy Spirit to come alongside the finished work of Christ, the areas that He's calling us higher we can do because of Him.

## YOUR PRAYER TO GOD

*By the Grace of God and believing in what Christ has accomplished on the Cross, I am walking in the Spirit and in the plans that God has for my life.*

*In Jesus name. Amen.*