



WAKE FROM YOUR SLUMBER

ROMANS 13:11-14 * OCTOBER 1, 2023

THE APOSTLE PAUL IN EPHESUS

ACTS 19:8-20; ROMANS 13:11-14

Why don't we see the kinds of miracles seen in the Gospels or the book of Acts _____?

- ❶ The miracles in the Gospels and Acts were _____ (not _____).
- ❷ The miracles in the Gospels and Acts served a _____. HEBREWS 2:3b-4

WHICH GOD DO YOU FOLLOW?

- ❶ A _____ God: a God who will _____.
- I say a prayer and God makes it _____ or God " _____ " me with what I want.

- ❷ A _____ God: a God who will _____ me.
- God gives good _____ and _____ to live by.
- ❸ The _____ God: I _____ and _____ Him alone.
- Whatever God says, _____, regardless of my _____.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION:

1. How would you live if you knew the world would end in six months?
2. Read Romans 13:11-14. Paul uses several vivid images to describe "the present time." How does each one give us a picture of how we should (or shouldn't) live?
3. What different interpretations might we give for Paul's statement that "our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" (v. 11)? Why do you think Paul closed this chapter with such a note of urgency?
4. What deeds of darkness practiced in our world today sometimes attract and seduce Christians? What can we do to stay away from the "deeds of darkness"?
5. Read Acts 19:8-20. What happened with the Jews who were trying to drive out evil spirits in the name of Jesus? Why do you think these things happened? How did this become a testimony to the power of God?
6. How might a Christian use "in Jesus' name" in his prayers with an attitude that approaches magical invocation? How should verses 13-16 help us interpret John 14:13-14?
7. Have you ever expected prayer for healing to be effective because you said the right words to God? How is this like attempting magic? How does it dishonor God? Why doesn't prayer for healing work every time, as you might think magic should?