

Bucket List

Romans 13:11-14

Review:

1. A principal motivation for Christian living is the fact that Christ is coming soon to complete God's plan of salvation by judging and destroying all the evil in the world.
2. So, we should not living in the darkness, living for our own pleasures, focusing our lives on the things of this world.
3. Instead, we are to put on the armor of light, the protection that comes from living lives of honesty, transparency, sincerity and integrity.
4. The only way we can live such lives is to put on Christ, to have the Holy Spirit living within us.

Go Further: Read I John 1:5-2:11

1. In verses 1:5-7, John contrasts light and darkness. Which one of these is associated with God?
2. In Hebrew thought, "walking" means the way that we live. How does walking in the darkness affect our relationship with God? Why do you think this is the case?
3. What two relationships does walking in the light strengthen?
4. In verses 1:8-10, John talks about the importance of confession. Why would walking in the light always include confession of sin?
5. What two things does God promise to those who confess their sin?
6. In verse 1:8, John says that failure to confess our sins involves self-deception. Why would this be a natural consequence of walking in the darkness?
7. In 2:1-2, John explains how God can promise the forgiveness offered in 1:9. What two parts does Jesus play in this plan, and what is involved with each of these roles?
8. In 2:3-6, John explains the connection between obedience to Christ and really knowing Him. How does our obedience increase our assurance that we belong to God?
9. If we are truly obeying Christ, how will we walk, how will we live?
10. In verses 7-11, John tells us how love for one another is a critical part of walking in the light. Why does he call this an old commandment in verse 7?
11. Why do you think he calls love for one another a new commandment in verse 8? (see John 13:34-35)
12. In verses 9 and 11, what does John say is the connection between hate and darkness? What affect does hate have on the person that hates?
13. In verse 10, what does John say is the connection between love and light?

Apply:

1. Have you had a time in your life when you were deceiving yourself?
2. If we want to be in a right relationship with God, what steps do we need to take every day to walk in the light?
3. If we want to be in a right relationship with other people, what steps do we need to take every day to walk in the light?