

“Awake and Arise”

Eph. 5:14

Introduction

- I. It is sad how many are spiritually “sleepwalking” through life.
- II. The opportunity to live an “abundant life” is available through Christ (John 10:10; Eph. 5:14; Rev. 3:1).

Discussion

- I. Those who are spiritually asleep are actually living dead lives.
 - A. “She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth” (1 Tim. 5:6).
 - B. Pleasures of the world choke the Word (Luke 8:14).
 - C. The prodigal son wasted his inheritance on pleasures (Luke 15:24, 32).
 - D. Moses “woke up” and chose really to live (Heb. 11:24-27).
- II. The lost need to come to Christ so that they can really live.
 - A. Dead in trespasses and sins (Eph. 2:1-5).
 - B. Without the Word of God, man is a walking corpse (Isa. 55:3; Matt. 4:4; John 5:25; Psm. 119:50).
 - C. True life is based on faith (John 20:30-31).
 - D. Faith cannot be isolated without works (James 2:17, 26).
 - E. Repentance is “unto life” (Acts 11:18; 1 John 5:11).
 - F. Baptism is the line between spiritual life and death (Rom. 6:2-4; 7:9; 2 Cor. 5:17).
- III. Some members of the church need to “awake and arise”.
 - A. Remember “abundant life” (John 10:10; Eph. 5:14).
 - B. Stop worrying and start living (Matt. 6:22-34; 1 Pet. 5:7; 1 Tim. 6:5-17; Heb. 13:5-6; Phil. 4:11).
 - C. Put away fear (Prov. 3:25; Matt. 10:28; Psm. 23:4)
 - D. “Stop looking at thorns and see the roses” (Rom. 8:28; Isa. 26:3).
 - E. Start thinking constructively (Prov. 4:23; 23:7; Phil. 3:13-14; 4:8).
 - F. Eliminate doubt about self (Phil. 2:13).
 - G. Change our sight, goals, and objectives (Heb. 12:1-2; Luke 9:62).

Conclusion

- I. Where are we spiritually? Awake or asleep?
- II. Let us all make sure that we have our eyes wide open to living for God!