

WOKE 12-20-20

The term “woke” has taken on a special meaning in the last years. Wikipedia states “Woke is a political term originating in the United States referring to a perceived awareness of issues concerning social justice and racial justice”. It is a bit obnoxious in its usage, and yet it has an important biblical concept. There are truths that many are not aware of, and when they come to that truth, they are described in Scripture as “Woke”.

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Romans 13:11-12

Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

1 Thessalonians 5:6-7

Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light." See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:14-16

Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame.

1 Corinthians 15:34

What does it mean to “awaken”? Through these passages we can consider several ways to apply this command. It refers to an awareness of a dangerous path, an acceptance of the finality of life, knowing the expectations of the creator, and relating with other believers.

Wake Up: Watch Where You Walk

Many walk in darkness AND light. They spend each Sunday with the Lord. But Monday through Saturday they walk in the world. We are warned that if we walk in darkness and light, we are liars, and do not practice truth (1 John 1:6)

Wake Up: See Where You're Going

Solomon once said that the grace is the things that all men have in common (Eccl. 9:2-3). Many ignore that their lives will end; they choose not to think about it. But we are told clearly that we will all give an account for all things we have said or done. All men will stand before God (Luke 12:20).

Wake Up: God Is Watching You

Many are unaware they are offending God. Their conduct blasphemes God. Their ambivalence insults God. “How much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has

trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?" (Hebrews 10:29).

Wake Up: Your Brethren Are Here

Many don't see it when they hurt their brethren. When brethren make choices that result in missing assembly or gatherings, it hurts. Someone went to the effort of preparing a study or opening their home, and when no one participates, it hurts. When we are not careful with our words, we hurt each other without care. Paul begged us to bear with each other in love (Ephesians 4:1-2).

Are you spiritually "woke"? Do you walk in a manner that reflects you are awake and aware, intentional in your faith?