CLOTHE YOURSELVES WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

Romans 13:1–14

Key Verse: 13:14

1. Who is Paul addressing, who are “governing authorities” and what does it mean to “be subject” to them? (1a) Why should we? (1b–2; 1Ti2:2) What does it mean that rulers are “God’s servant[s] for your good”? (3–4) How can we “do what is right”? (3; 1Pe2:17–20) Why else should we submit? (5b) In what specific ways should we submit? (6–7)
2. Why is it important to pay off our debts? (8a) Which one can we never really finish paying, and why does Paul call it a “continuing debt”? (8b; 1:14) What did Paul say is at the core of God’s commandments? (9–10) What does it mean to “love your neighbor as yourself” in real life?
3. What does it mean to understand the present time? (11) To “wake up from your slumber”? (Lk12:35–48) What does it mean that “the night is nearly over; the day is almost here”? (12a) How is human behavior and society “at night” and in “darkness” described? (12b–13)
4. Why does Paul say that as we live in this dark world we need “the armor of light”? (12b) What does it mean to “put on” this armor? (Eph4:24–25; 6:14–18; 1Th5:5–8)
5. Read verse 14. What does it mean to “clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ”? (1Co1:30; Col3:12–17) Why do we need to put on this “clothing” every day? What thoughts should we not allow into our minds, and how can we get out of thinking like this? (14b; 8:5–8,12–13; 1Pe2:11; Col3:5–8)