



Daily Verse and Comment

[Ephesians 5:13-17](#)

(13) But everything exposed by the light becomes visible, (14) for it is light that makes everything visible. This is why it is said:

"Wake up, O sleeper,
rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you." (15) Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, (16) making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. (17) Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

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Verse 13 encourages us to understand that [God](#) is purposely exposing our sins to us for our eternal good so that we might share life in His Kingdom with Him. Therefore, He urges us in verses 14-17 to wake up and take advantage of this, for if we continue in [sin](#), we are as good as dead. But because it is His desire to save, He exposes our sins to us so that we can [repent](#).

Doing our part by overcoming is necessary if we want to experience the fullness of our redemption from sin. We must take advantage of the great gift of His Spirit, using every opportunity that comes our way to confront our weaknesses and drive on to perfection. He implores us not to let what has made us special to Him slip from our grasps.

Thus, in verse 17 especially, He urges us to follow [wisdom](#) through clearly understanding His will for us. He wants us in His Kingdom, experiencing life as He lives it, but a measure of responsibility for responding in submission falls directly on our shoulders. We know what we must do—we must take the time and make the effort to take advantage of our uniqueness before Him. Time is running out, so let us do it!

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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