

**“A Resolution for the New Year”
(Romans 13:14)**

Introduction

Thesis: From this text, I want you to consider with me three sound principles for sanctification, and I trust that they will encourage and challenge your spiritual walk for 2021.

I. Be _____ of your _____ through Christ (vv. 11-12a).

II. Be _____ from your _____ against Christ (vv. 12b, 13, 14b).

III. Be _____ with the _____ from Christ (vv. 12c, 14a).

Conclusion

Text: Romans 13:11-14

¹¹ Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we *first* believed. ¹² The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let's rid ourselves of the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let's behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and debauchery, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴ But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to *its* lusts.

Related Texts:

Philippians 1:21

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

2 Corinthians 3:18

¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled faces, looking as in a mirror at the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

Romans 8:23-25

²³ And not only *that*, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for *our* adoption as sons *and daughters*, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopes for what he *already* sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, through perseverance we wait eagerly *for it*.

1 John 3:2-3

² Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. ³ And everyone who has this hope *set* on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Philippians 3:13-14

¹³ Brothers *and sisters*, I do not regard myself as having taken hold of *it yet*; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 4:21-22

²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, ²² that, in reference to your former way of life, you are to rid yourselves of the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit,

Hebrews 12:1-3

¹ Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let's rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let's run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

1 Peter 2:11

¹¹ Beloved, I urge *you* as foreigners and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.

Ephesians 6:13-17

¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, having belted your waist with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having strapped on your feet the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 5:8

⁸ for you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light