

Refrigerator Notes 26 March 2017

“Wake Up”

Ephesians 5:6-20

1. Our scripture this morning is hinting that it is difficult to understand God’s word, if you are sleep walking (we can do many things in our sleep; speak, hear, sing, flatulent, and think)
2. The scripture also denotes that if you are sleeping, you may not be prepared to meet the Lord at the time of His return
3. When the Bible speaks about those who sleep (and who are still physically alive), the connotation is that their righteousness, which is received through faith, is not visibly evident, and therefore the person appears to be no different than someone who is unrighteous
4. The apostle Paul is constantly exhorting churches he wrote ‘to wake up’; example: He tells the Roman congregation, “The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed” (Rom. 13:11)
5. There are not two classes of Christians, the sleeping Christian and the awakened Christian, but rather there are times when every Christian has fallen asleep and their sleep last far too long
6. Paul mention that Christians are walking around the Word of God literally, being physically awake; not lying in repose but with both eyes open
7. Paul states that Christian views are reflective of their circumstances, culture, society and norms, which may be the wrong views
8. If you plan on rising when you die and living an eternal life, you got to wake up and know that you are not smelling the roses but cow manure
9. Paul is telling the Church that its spiritually dead and needs to wake up spiritually
10. Strange paradox, but tragically, most people never get to see that - all is well - because they are asleep spiritually
11. What then characterizes the sleep walking from a slumbering Christian?
12. A sleeping man is unaware of what is happening all around him
13. The signs of the times are near and it’s the truth, and not a fantasy
14. Wake up my Brother and Sisters! You've not only got to wake up to make sense of the scriptures but live for God and not your selfish self
15. When you do wake up, you will have eyes to see what others have missed and ears to hear what others have not heard
16. You will no longer wait for the storm to pass, but you will be able to dance between the raindrops without getting wet
17. To be spiritually awake emphasizes that our God never sleeps and is ever watchful
18. Brother and sisters, we too need to be ever watching (for our Lord’s return)!