

Elder Bobby Willis



Romans 13:12, **“The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.”**

In this 12th. verse, the Apostle Paul continues his admonition to the church at Rome. He has told them in verse 11 to wake up and realize that it is high time to serve the Lord for all the wonderful things concerning Salvation which he has done for us. Now, he tells them that **“the night is far spent, the day is at hand:..”** Night refers to darkness, or sinfulness, or anything time in our lives in which we were not enjoying a close relationship with the Lord. The time under the law and all of its trappings is over and the day of Salvation **“is at hand”** (close by or near). The works of darkness under consideration embraces both the thought of one’s own works would win them a home in heaven and any unrighteousness we embrace which causes us to walk contrary to the will of God. Both of these concepts will lead one to darkness, away from the felt presence of God. To **“cast off the works of darkness”** takes some serious help, that of putting on the **“armour of light.”** Paul told the Ephesian church to **“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”** Then, in Ephesians 6:13, he adds **“that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”** Think about it!