

EPHESIANS 5:14-17

¹⁴This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." ¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Would you rather have your actions dictated by the <u>standard of the world</u> OR by the <u>call to the church</u>?

In Christ we are <u>reconciled</u>, so move from <u>enemies of God</u> to <u>friends of God</u>. In Christ we are <u>restored</u>, so move from <u>broken pieces</u> to <u>parts of the body</u>.

In Christ we are <u>resurrected</u>, so move from <u>an eternity of death</u> to <u>everlasting life</u>.

With where God has you, what is the 'clearly right thing' you need to choose this week?

In Christ we are <u>redeemed</u>, so move from <u>in debt</u> to <u>paid for</u>.

RENEWAL: Of the categories of people mentioned, which one were you in? (a) Consistently choosing the clearly right choice. (b) Knowing the clearly right choice on Sunday morning, but choosing the clearly wrong alternative in a certain setting. Or (c) Honestly having a tough time preferring the clearly right choice. When (in your day/week/year/life) is it the most difficult to choose the 'call of the Church' over the 'standard of the world'? Does the exhortation to 'wake up and rise from the dead' feel more like another obligation that you need to do in your spiritual life OR an invitation to reconciliation/redemption/restoration/resurrection? Explain. With where God has you, what is the 'right thing' you need to choose this week?



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