



THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Salvation by Grace Through Faith

THE DEBT OF LOVE

In Romans 13:7, Paul tells us to pay all our debts. But in v.8, he reminds us of one debt that we pay daily, but is never paid off.

Romans 13:8

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.



CHRISTIANITY IN A NUTSHELL

Romans 13:8-10 (CEV)

⁸ Let love be your only debt! If you love others, you have done all that the Law demands. ⁹ In the Law there are many commands, such as, "Be faithful in marriage. Do not murder. Do not steal. Do not want what belongs to others." But **all of these are summed up in the command that says, "Love others as much as you love yourself."**



LOVE FULFILLS THE LAW

Romans 13:10

¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore **love is the fulfilling of the law.**



LOVE IS THE ASSIGNMENT

I am convinced that one of the main reasons we are on earth and earth is allowed to be as it is, for now, is so that we can grow in in our capacity to love.

And when you reach a breakthrough in your capacity to love, you will be blessed with the next challenge.

Love Thy Neighbor

Thy Homeless Neighbor

Thy Muslim Neighbor

Thy Black Neighbor

Thy Gay Neighbor

Thy White Neighbor

Thy Jewish Neighbor

Thy Transgendered Neighbor

Thy Christian Neighbor

Thy Atheist Neighbor

Thy Racist Neighbor

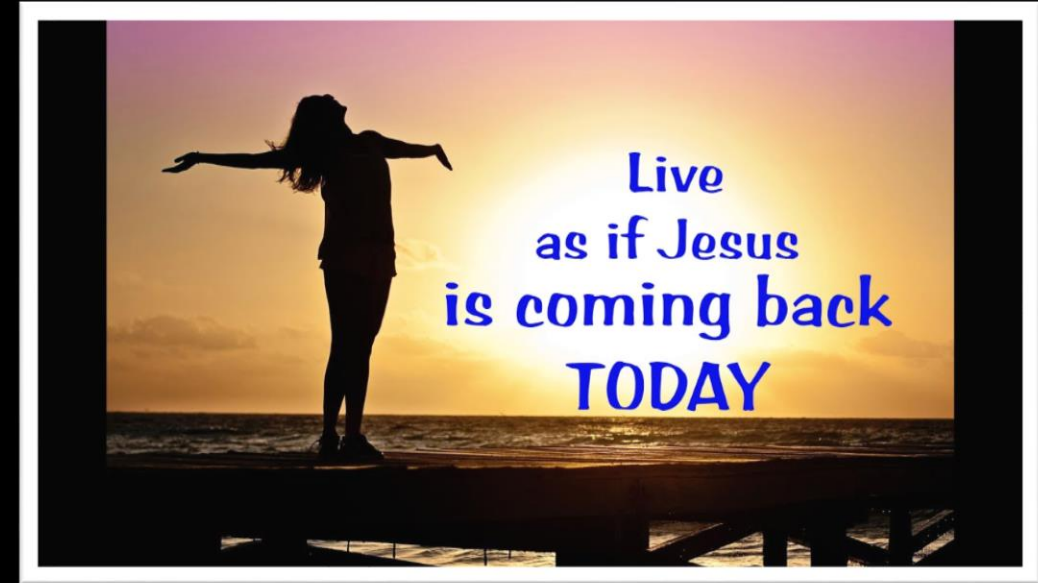
Thy Addicted Neighbor

URGENT TIMES!

Romans 13:11-12

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to **wake from sleep**. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

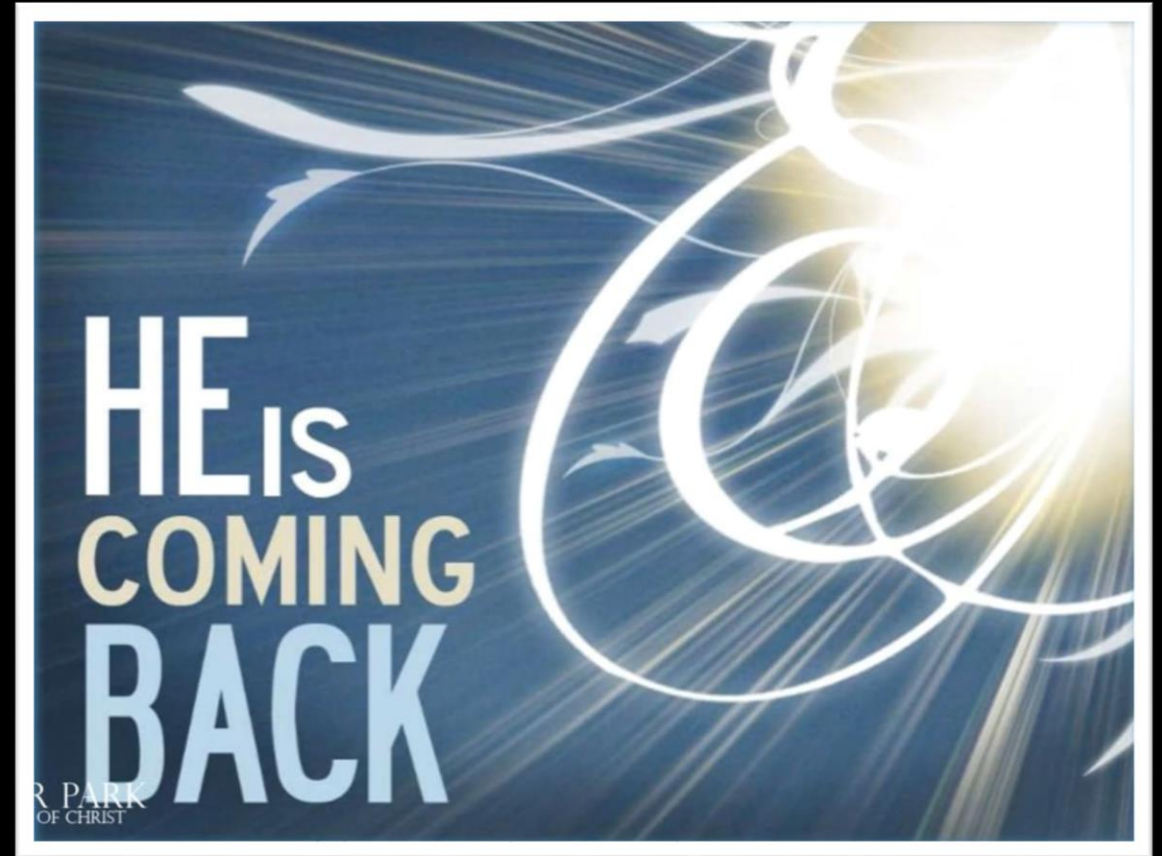
¹² The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us **cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light**.



URGENT TIMES!

The return of Christ is something we wait for with great expectation.

Yet, it also an incentive to apply ourselves in the task in front of us.



CHRISTLIKENESS

Romans 13:13-14

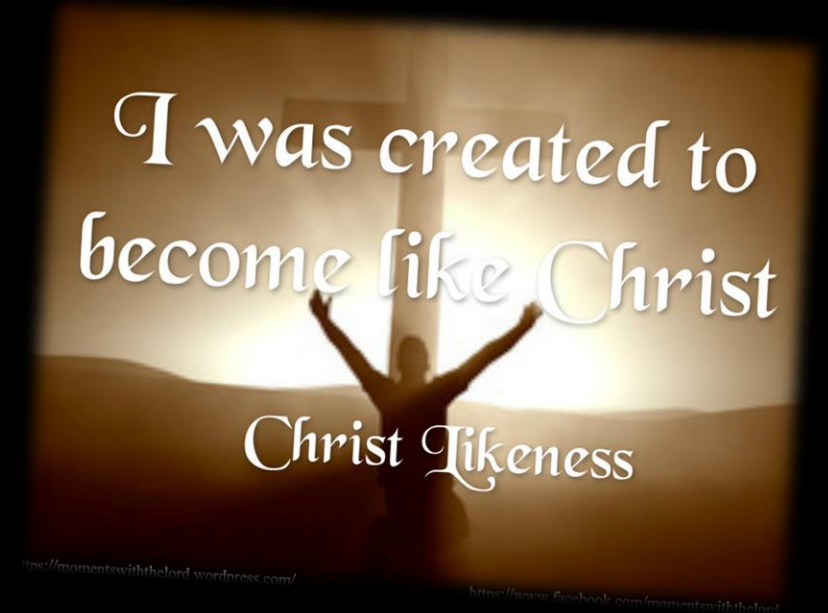
¹³ Let us **walk properly** as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ But **put on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.



“PUT ON CHRIST”

Romans 13:13-14

¹³ So behave properly, as people do in the day. Don't go to wild parties or get drunk or be vulgar or indecent. Don't quarrel or be jealous. ¹⁴ Let the Lord Jesus Christ be as near to you as the clothes you wear. Then you won't try to satisfy your selfish desires.



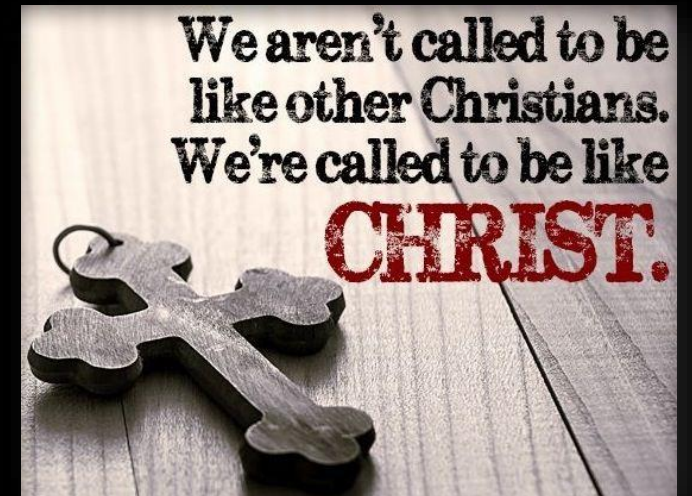
TO BE LIKE CHRIST MEANS..

To be like Christ is to shun from sin at all time.
But it is much more than that!

To be like Christ is to walk in His love, His
wisdom, and His power!

John 14:12

I tell you for certain that if you have faith in
me, you will do the same things that I am
doing. You will do even **greater things**, now
that I am going back to the Father.



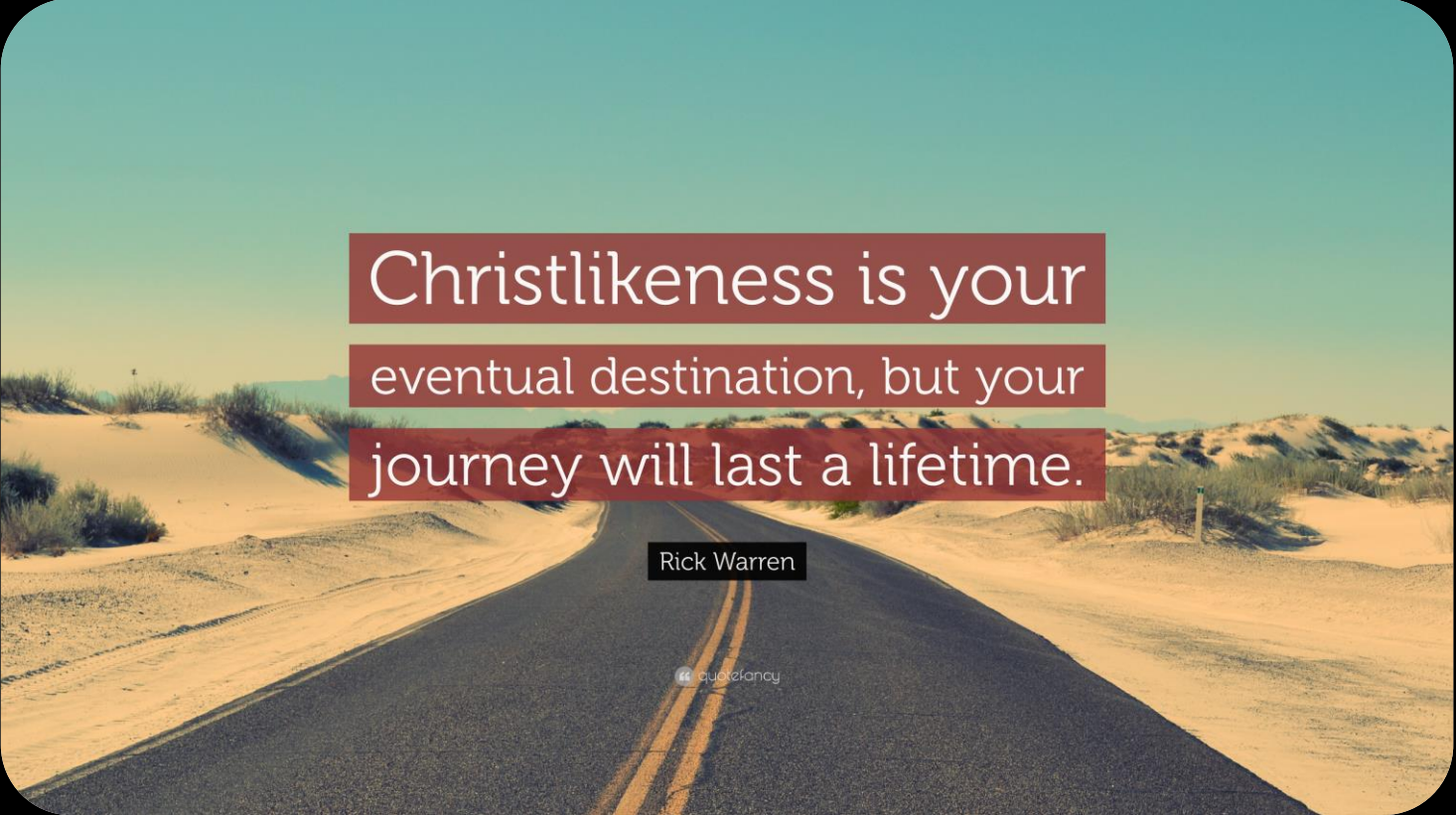
BEING LIKE CHRIST

1 John 3:2

My dear friends, we are already God's children, though what we will be hasn't yet been seen. But we do know that when Christ returns, we will be like him, because we will see him as he truly is.



TO BE LIKE JESUS



Christlikeness is your
eventual destination, but your
journey will last a lifetime.

Rick Warren

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