

# **"THE ELEGANT GAIT OF A CHRISTIAN"**

## **ROMANS 13:13-14**

### **I. THE DAILY CONDUCT OF A BELIEVER SHOULD MIRROR THE CHARACTER OF THE COMING AGE (13:13a)**

- A. We Have A Hard Time Believing That This Present World Is Described By God As A Place Of "Darkness"
- B. We Have To Actually Be Admonished To Live As Citizens Of The "Day"

### **II. THE DAILY CONDUCT OF A BELIEVER SHOULD BE UNACQUAINTED WITH THE NOTORIOUS WORKS OF DARKNESS (13:13b)**

- A. Paul Uses Three Couplets (Pairs Of Words) That Provide Us With A Composite Picture Of How God's People Should Not Be Acting
  - 1. Not As A Drunken Profligate
  - 2. Not In Sensual Promiscuity
  - 3. Not In Constant Contention And Warring
- B. Paul Uses These Couplets To Help Us Nail Down Some Important Conclusions
  - 1. We Forget That God Saves People Out Of That Kind Of Lifestyle
  - 2. We Forget That God Has To Sometimes Step In And Rescue Even His Own People Who Have Relapsed Into That Former Degraded Way Of Life.

### **III. THE DAILY CONDUCT OF A BELIEVER SHOULD BE CLOTHED IN THE RIGHTEOUS APPAREL OF GOD HIMSELF (13:14)**

### **IV. THE DAILY CONDUCT OF A BELIEVER IS A CONDUCT THAT IS UNMARRIED BY PREMEDITATION FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF BASE DESIRES.**