



Hello again from Quarantine! Good Monday to you. I hope everyone enjoyed their Mothers day weekend. I am sure everyone took good care of their Moms. I am fresh back from KY, on a quick excursion to and back. Got to spend Sunday with my Momma! Great day - Praise the Lord.

Today's devotion deals with being in an alert status. Stay awake and be prepared!. It also deals with putting sin in it's place. How are you handling sin in your life? Are you an active participant? This is where being ready and not collide. If you are actively participating in sin plain and simple you are not ready. This we must look at for ourselves. We must judge ourselves.

I heard a preacher a number of years back in a baptist church preach a sermon dealing with sin. He said if you walk into a funeral home and holler FIRE..... everybody in that place is going to run out except one dude.... because he is dead in a casket. Everyone else will respond to FIRE and that guy is dead to the stimuli of this world.

It's a great example. The bible says we must crucify our flesh. Paul said "I die daily". What does all of that mean. We've heard it said, but do we abide by it. The question is ... what are we responding to? Are you responding to the stimuli of this world, the lust of your flesh? Or have you given the Spirit the wheel to have control over the flesh. Being ready or not ready, simply comes down to a choice to follow Christ in His walk, or continue on our own in ours. Putting to death this flesh, means the drawings are still there, the temptations to go away are there.... but we've chosen rather to chase Christ rather than our earthly desires.

So I ask the simple question in light of the devotion. Are you ready? I will couple that question with, "Are you putting the flesh to death?"

As always these questions do not set out to condemn, but rather call to recognition of our location spiritually. If you aren't ready - you can be. It's a matter of choosing to go in the right direction. It's a matter of heeding to the small still voice of God as apposed to the loud boisterous one of your flesh.

God bless --- Pastor Paul

May 11

Awake to righteousness, and sin not.

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

It is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 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. — Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. — Cast away from you all your

transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed: and make you a new heart and a new spirit. — Lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. — Little children, abide in him that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

I COR. 15:34. I Thes. 5:5,6. Rom. 13:11,12. Eph. 6:13. Ezek. 18:31. -Jas. 1:21. I John 2:28,29.