

Asleep In The Church – Acts 20:7-12
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Introduction

1. There was once a young man sitting in an upper room listening to Paul preach his last time in Troas. His name was Eutychus and he fell asleep listening to Paul's sermon that went on and on. Why did he fall asleep?
2. People today still fall asleep at church but more often is the danger of Christians falling asleep spiritually. Why?
 - a. Neglecting to study God's Word or worship
 - b. Being neglected by other Christians
 - c. Lack of Prayer
 - d. Remaining unattached, uninvolved in the work of the Lord
3. Let us not ever risk falling asleep spiritually by following these three bible admonitions...

I. Wake Up!

- a. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
 - i. Jesus is coming and to those who are asleep it will be like a thief in the night! (2 Peter 3:10)
 - ii. Therefore we need to watchful and living prepared for this great day of judgment and salvation!
 1. Watchful in prayer – 1 Peter 4:7
 2. Watchful in repentance – Revelation 3:2-3
 3. Sober minded armed with the armor of God

II. Clean Up!

- a. 1 John 2:28-3:3
 - i. Second, we don't want to find ourselves dressed in dirty garments when the Lord returns!
 - ii. We need to live a prepared holy life for Jesus with sincerity and love. How?
 1. First it only comes through the cleansing power of blood of Jesus (Ephesians 1:7-8; 1 John 1:9)
 2. Second we must remove ourselves that will defile us (2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1)

III. Grow Up!

- a. Romans 13:11-14
 - i. It is time for us to mature in our knowledge of Jesus and His coming. In doing so we grow up not allowing sin deter us from our hope and life in the Spirit.
 - ii. Our salvation is lived out one day at a time (2 Corinthians 6:1-2) and we need to cast off the works of darkness and put on Jesus.
 - iii. Paul and the church expected Jesus to return at any moment and we need to make sure we are not caught sleeping but ready today for the end.
 - iv. If Jesus returned today would you be ready to meet Him face to face?

