



HIS CHURCH

Part Three: Local Membership



**“CAN I BE A CHRISTIAN
without being a member of the
CHURCH OF CHRIST?”**

ADDED TO THE CHURCH



- When we talk about “church”, most only understand it from a denominational perspective. Our terminology, and the necessity of membership in the church, can be confusing.
- Acts 2:47
- Galatians 3:27
- Romans 12:4-5
- 1 Corinthians 12:27
- 1 Timothy 3:15

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THE CHURCH FUNCTIONS LOCALLY

While all saved people are part of Christ's church, it functions on the local level as autonomous congregations of Christians.

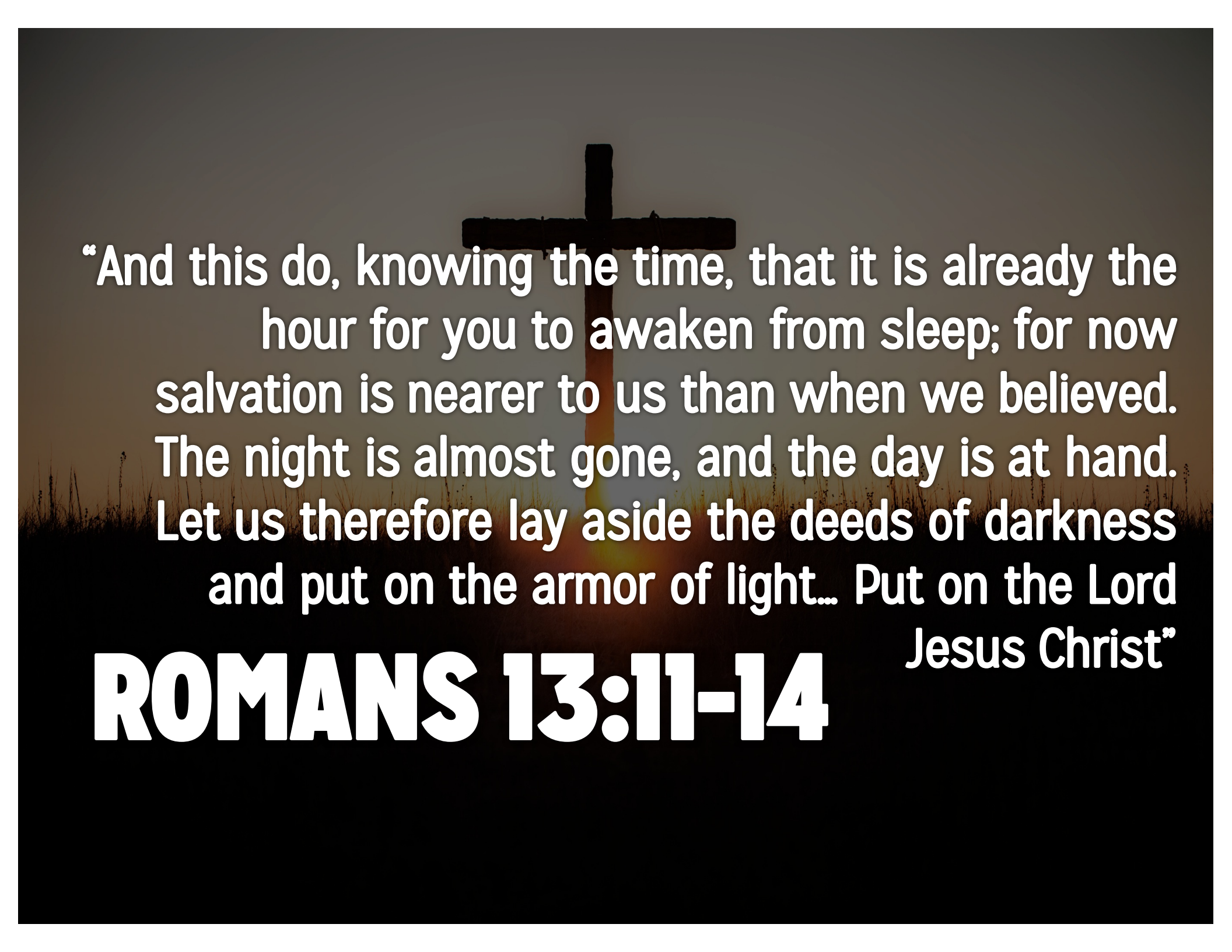
This is the precedent set by the apostles in the First Century, when congregations "met" and "came together" (Acts 11:26, 14:27, 1 Corinthians 11:18, Acts 20:7).

Local Christians also identified themselves with these groups as members (Acts 18:11, 19:7, 19:10, 28:14, Romans 16:1, 16:5, Colossians 4:15-16, Philemon 1-3).





**PROPER CHRISTIANITY IS
IMPOSSIBLE
WITHOUT LOCAL MEMBERSHIP**



“And this do, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. The night is almost gone, and the day is at hand. Let us therefore lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light... Put on the Lord Jesus Christ”

ROMANS 13:11-14