

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Sobriety: The Day Of The Lord

Introduction

1. Chapter 4:13-18 and 5:1-11 deal with two different aspects of the Second Coming
2. Chapter 4:13-18 – Grief and Bereavement: What happens to those Christians who died before the Second Coming of Christ?
3. Chapter 5:1-11 – Judgment: What will happen at the End of the World? Can we Make Ourselves Ready?
4. Structure is Similar to 4:13-18: Both end with “Encourage/ Comfort with these words”

This Text Is Meant To Encourage & Comfort (v 11)

1. Christians have No Need to Fear Judgment Day
2. Only Those who are Not in Christ are in Real Danger

Main Point of 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Time of the Day of the Lord is Unknown and will Come Suddenly. We are to be Ready in Christ, Awake, Alert, and Sober.

Day of the Lord in the Old Testament

1. **Amos 5:18-20; Joel 2:1-2; Jeremiah 46:10**
2. Day of the Lord Experienced in the Old Testament points to the Final Day
3. A Foreboding Frightening Day; A Wrath Filled Day
4. The Day of the Lord is a Day of Judgment

Times & Seasons Unknown (vv 1-2)

1. Unknown Causes Uneasy Apprehension
2. Wanted to be Ready for Jesus – When is He Coming?
3. Jesus’ Words in **Matthew 24:36-44**
4. Many have Claimed to Know when the Lord would Return – Do not Listen to Them!
5. Unknown: Solution is not in discovering the day of His coming, but in being Prepared for His Coming

Metaphors For The Day Of The Lord (vv 2-3)

1. The Burglar at Night – Unknown, Unpredictable; Do not Announce When They Come (**see Mt 24**)
2. The Military Offensive – Unexpected; Sudden Ruin
3. The Woman in Labor – Expected but Unavoidable; No Escape
4. All of it will be Sudden; No Warning

Character Of Those Of The Night/Darkness (vv 5-7, 9)

1. Of the Darkness; In Adam, Belong to World/ Satan
 - a. **1 Cor15:22, 1 Jn 2:15, 3:10**
2. Asleep – Blind, Apathetic to Gospel Truth/ Reality
3. Drunk – Deeds are Immoral, Rebellious
4. Destined for Wrath – **See Jn 3:36, Rom 2:5, 5:9**

Character Of Children Of Light/Day (vv 4-6, 8-9)

1. Believers: No Need to Be Alarmed, Just Be Ready
2. Of the Light, Of the Day (if Born Again)
 - a. The Age and the Age to Come (Messianic)
 - b. The 1st Coming Inaugurated the End of the Age and will End the Age at His 2nd Coming
 - c. Of the Light – **What We Are!**
 - d. Of the Day (**1 Jn 2:8**) – **Where We Walk!**
3. Awake – Aware, Sight, Spiritual Understanding
4. Sober – Serious, Self-Control **Eph 6, Is 59:17**
 - a. Breastplate of Faith & Love
 - b. Helmet of the Hope of Salvation
5. The Future is Fixed (**Acts 1:7**)
 - a. Christians are Not Destined for Wrath
 - b. Destined to Obtain Salvation through Jesus
6. The Gospel
 - a. The Son of God Came to Save Sinners
 - b. He Died on the Cross
 - c. Substitutionary Atonement: He Died for Us!
7. Implication of the Gospel in view of the Day of Lord Awake (Living) or Asleep (Dead in Christ) – We Live WITH Christ