

1 Thessalonians

Week 8: The Day of the Lord

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Paul has just written concerning the rapture of the church. The great catching away of all believers in Christ who are still alive, and the resurrection of the dead in Christ. The natural question for the reader is: When will this happen? We are told, "Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write you." Jesus himself said that it is not for us to know the times or dates the Father has set. (Acts 1:6,7). We are to just know that it is coming, and prepare for that day.

Why not talk about it? "For you know very well, the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.(vs 2) A thief as we know comes unexpectedly. This is not saying that God has the morals of a thief, rather the nature of the arrival of the the Day of the Lord will be like a thief, and it begins with the rapture and continues with The Great 7 year Tribulation.

Revelation 4:1-3,11 _____.
Rev. 5:1-5,9 _____.
Rev. 6:1-2 _____.

When the antichrist does reveal himself, (the rider on the white horse in Rev. 6:2) There will be a period of relative peace on the earth. Out of the chaos of the rapture the antichrist will declare peace.

1 Thessalonians 5:3 Please let us note how the mantra of "peace and safety" is sung in our even world today. Can you think of any examples of this that you are aware of?

Specifically this verse refers to a peace treaty that will occur between Israel and the rest of the world. Daniel 9:25-27; See also Matthew 24:15-21. _____

What is our response to be? Vs 4-5. (See also Eph. 5:8-13)

We should also be "awake and sober" vs 6-7 We are to not be under the spell of the world or anything that keeps us from living the life God desires us to live. There are some Christians who are asleep. They are in La La Land. Uninformed and disinterested in the things of God. See Rom 13:11-14.

We are to put on the armor of God. Verse 8 _____

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 give us a tremendous promise. The church, nor any of God's saints are to suffer the wrath of God. The great tribulation is all about the wrath of God being poured out upon the earth. This is why I believe the rapture will occur before the 7 year great tribulation period.

Jesus died for us, so that even if we are not "awake" to this signs of the times, he will still be faithful to take us home with Him. This is to be the ultimate encouragement to all believers.

