



## Worship in the Word

Declaring the Whole Counsel of God Verse By Verse

### 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11

## The Day of the Lord (Part 2)



### I. We Have a New Nature (4-5)

A. We are not in darkness

**John 1:4-5 -**

**John 3:19-21 -** And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

**Ephesians 4:17-18 -**

**Colossians 1:13 -** He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love

B. We are sons of light and sons of the day

**1 Peter 2:9-10 -** But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup> who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

**Ephesians 5:8 -** For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

**2 Corinthians 5:17 -** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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## II. We Live Differently (6-8)

### A. Don't Sleep

**Ephesians 5:8-14** - For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), <sup>10</sup> finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. <sup>13</sup> But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. <sup>14</sup> Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

### B. Do Watch and Be Sober

watch (γρηγορέω gregoreo) -

**Matthew 24:42-44** - Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

sober -

**Romans 13:11-14** - And do this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

## III. We have a Different Destiny (9-11)

# 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8

## Application Questions

1. What does it mean that we are no longer children of darkness? How do we know that we are now children of light? What has changed in your life to indicate this?
2. Now that we are children of light, how has our purpose in life been different? How has our relationship with God changed? How has our relationship with other Christians changed? How has our relationship with the world changed?
3. What's the "therefore" of all of this? What does watching and being sober look like in your life? How can the church help you in this area?
4. Read Romans 13:11-14. How is our salvation nearer now than when we first believed? How should this affect how you live with your family? With your co-workers? With other believers?

## **Preparation Questions**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:9-11**

- 1.** What word does Paul use to start verse 9? What purpose does this word serve in this verse? What does it mean that God "appointed" something? How sure is something when God appoints it?
- 2.** What did God not appoint us to according to verse 9? Is this current wrath (Romans 1) or future wrath?
- 3.** According to verse 9, what did God appoint us to? How does this salvation come?
- 4.** According to verse 10, why did Christ die for us? What are we supposed to do with this truth?

## **Verse of the Week**

**1 Thessalonians 5:8** - But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation.

**Question 34:** How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?

**Answer:** The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.