

Paul's First Epistle To The

**THESSALONIANS**

CHAPTER 5:1-11

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**TITLE:**

***"HOW A CHURCH OUGHT TO KNOW "***  
***AWAITING THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST***

**THEME:**

*1 Thessalonians 1:10*

*We are to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even  
Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.*

**INTRODUCTION: Reading of the Text**

**5:1-11**

In Our Last Study Together:

***"RAPTURE! - HOW A CHURCH OUGHT TO GO "***

**I'M TELLING YOU,  
THAT WE AS A CHURCH OUGHT TO "BE GOING"**

Mark 13:33

"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.

**But This We Know For Sure...  
That The Time is Now!**

John 9:4

"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.

**But until Jesus Comes again - we will be going across the street and around the world -  
until we are taken out of this world by the rapture!**

**But Many are Ignorant Today or informed regarding the events of these last  
days**

**For the Christian,**

**these last days provide the greatest opportunities to share the Love of Jesus Christ like never before!!!**

# We Are to Be in Gear as Believers.

2 Peter 3:11

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and **hastening** the coming of the day of God,

## Jesus Brings Unity & Division

This Chapter Announces to Us that where Jesus' Return is Alive and Well in the heart of the true believer... there will be an alertness to the things of God.

Those looking are excited about His return.  
Those luke-warm or unbelieving are fearful.

### UNITY

1 John 3:2

Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 3 And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

### DIVISION

John 7:43

So there was a division among the people because of Him.

#### Paul's Purpose Here is:

#1 to encourage the believers that Jesus' returning for them was Imminent.

#2 and that they were to live committed lives **IN THE FACE OPPOSITION.**

**A.) We Are to Know and not be Ignorant**

**vv. 1-2**

**1.) We Must Be Aware of the Times**

**vv. 1a**

**The Little Boy and the Great Big Grand Father Clock,  
striking Beyond twelve**

### **"Times" and the Seasons'**

Used 3 times in the Bible and Always in regards to Israel and the Last Days events.

Napoleon said,  
"History is a set of lies agreed upon"

## But Jesus said,

"I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do, you will know that I am He"

Isaiah 46:9

Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, 10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,'

## History is His Story Being Unveiled before Us

### "Times" and the Seasons'

#### It First Appears in Daniel:

Daniel 2:21

And He changes (God's Absolute Control) the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up another

(Election 96 - Psalm 109:8 Let his days be few; and let another take his office.)

#### The second Appearance is in Acts:

Acts 1:6

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

\* Time GRK 2540 kairos (kahee-ros') - chronos or chronology  
a pre planned occasion, or a set sequence of acts. or  
a proper time for a activities: {TIMES AND DATES}

#### A GENERAL PERIOD OF TIME - LIKE A YEAR

(Times, Times and a dividing of time equals 3 1/2 years in the Bible)

## 2.) We Must be Aware of the Seasons

vv. 1b

\* Seasons GRK 2540 kairos (kahee-ros') - chronology  
an pre planned occasion, or a set sequence of acts. or  
a proper time for a activities: {TIMES AND DATES}

#### A MORE EXACT TIME. LIKE THE SEASONS OF THE YEAR - MORE DEFINITE.

(A season of a year or a year itself)

### The Times and the Seasons

A Time and Season of Human History where God More Directly Intervenes  
Like a Chess Game (Isaiah 13:9-11, Joel 2:28-32, Zephaniah 1 14-18, 3:14-15)

The Christian is to be Observing and to be Aware  
of the Increased Activity of God in the affairs of men through the knowledge of prophecy.

News Paper in one hand - Bible in the Other

### 3.) We Will Be Aware of His Day

vv. 2a

“For you yourselves know perfectly...”

**Strong language here!**

\* perfectly GRK is the word perfectly

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**“You + Yourselves” “Know + Perfectly”**

We Will Not Be Asleep nor Sleeping at His Return

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The Spirit-Filled Christian will be Aware  
of the Time and Season of Jesus’ Return  
(Not the Day or the Hour).

### **The Day of the Lord**

In scripture “Day” refers to either a 24 hour day... or a period of time  
Both refer to Gods Specific Purpose.

This We Know for sure **The Day of the Lord** happens after the Rapture of the church.

The Day of the Lord begins at a point and Time after the Rapture. In this is The 7 year Tribulation and it includes the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to Earth and will continue through till the end of the 1,000 year, millennium, the earthly reign of Jesus from Jerusalem (detailed in Rev. 6-19)

### 4.) We Will Not be Caught Off Guard

vv. 2b

Two Times in the Gospels Jesus Warns His listeners to be  
“Armed and Ready”

### **As a Thief in the Night**

“...that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.”

A HOUSE UNOCCUPIED, WITH OPEN DOORS AND WINDOWS INVITES A THIEF IN

Matthew 24:43

"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. Matthew 24:44  
"Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you (in general) do not expect.

(ALARM SYSTEMS)

A House alarmed is a house where the Holy Spirit is Present and Watching & Informing

“...the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.”

## To Whom, *I Ask You?*

### The Ten Virgins

#1 They were invited, #2 they were virgins, #3 they all waited, #4 they had lamps, #5 they had oil in those lamps - - But The story takes a twist at this point - - 5 of them ran out of Oil.

They began to lose light because they were losing oil, so that went to the mall.

We Will Not Be Asleep nor Sleeping at His Return because Jesus Promised us that...

**WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT!!!**

1 John 2:27

But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

## B.) We Will be Walking in the Light

vv. 3-5

### 1.) Surprise Will Swallow the UnBeleiver:

v. 3

THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL BREAK UPON THEM UNEXPECTEDLY

Throughout History God has Warned the World to Escape the Coming Judgement.

## A Peace and A Calm will Set the Stage!

According the Bible the world will be talking about and going about creating a world peace agreement - That's the Antichrist Curtain Call.

\* sudden destruction GRK Oh Oh or O' Brother  
a swift and unescapable ruin. To come apart or  
to be totally and completely undone

### Daniel 9:27

Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for (seven years) one week; but (three and half years into the seven) in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering.

**For When They Say...  
(Not Paul, Not the Church, Not Us), They:**

### Daniel 8:25

And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many:

In The Greek, What is Implied is that... The People  
will talk themselves into a peace and an imagined  
safety

## Repeat after "me"-ism

'We are at peace, we are safe' Say it again, 'we are at peace, we are  
safe', one more time again, 'we are at peace, we are safe'.

ALL THE WHILE, THE SKY IS ABOUT TO FALL UPON THEM.

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THE WORLD IS ALWAYS CAUGHT BY SURPRISE.

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- God warned the world through Noah.
- Lot warned his family in San Francisco & Laguna (Sodom and Gomorrah).
- Jesus warned Israel that Jerusalem would be destroyed.

## NOTE CAREFULLY THE CONTRASTS:

1 Thessalonians 5:3

For when **they** say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon **them**,

1 Thessalonians 5:4

**But you, brethren**, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake

1 Thessalonians 5:6

Therefore **let us** not sleep, **as others** do, but let us watch and be sober.

1 Thessalonians 5:7

For **those who** sleep

1 Thessalonians 5:8

But **let us** who are of the day

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God did not appoint **us** to wrath, - (the wrath of the tribulation period).

**"...as labor pains upon a pregnant woman.  
And they shall not escape."**

(MEANING - THEY WILL NOT ESCAPE, BUT WE WILL ESCAPE THESE THINGS)

A double negative is here.

You will be in pain and your running is futile.

Have you ever seen a pregnant woman run?  
BOY IS SHE PREGNANT.

# The World is Pregnant with Sin

Inwardly and Outwardly - Pregnant!!! (From Conception to 9 months)

But As delivery comes - the woman (world) will show definite signs.

(But Showing or Not - The World is Pregnant with Sin)

THE WORLD IS RUNNING FROM ITS PREGNANCY OF SIN AND CANNOT ESCAPE IT -  
EXCEPT THROUGH JESUS CHRIST!

## 2.) Expectancy Will Mark the Christian:

v. 4

darkness GRK 4655 skotos (skot'-os)  
a shadiness, a fog or obscurity

### V e r s e s

Light GRK 5457 phos (foce)  
(to shine or make manifest, especially by rays or beams!!!  
the luminousness of the sun or moon

#### THE WRATH

Luke 17:29

"but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from  
heaven and destroyed them all.

Matthew 24:3

"But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.<sup>38</sup> "For as in the days  
before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that  
Noah entered the ark,

Matthew 24:44

"Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do  
not expect.... "Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

**(Expectantly investing, & laboring, & waiting.)**

## C.) We Will be Wearing our Light

vv. 6-8

### 1.) Walking the Talk... of the Believer:

v. 6

Paul's exhortation here is... Behave in such a way as to back up your words that 'Jesus is Coming  
Soon'

Hebrews 12:14

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

**THERE MUST BE AN OBSERVABLE REALITY TO OUR BELIEF**

1 John 3:2

Beloved, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we  
know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. 1 John 3:3 Everyone  
who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

Vs. 8 sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. (NKJ)

## D.) We Will be Witnessing the Truth

vv. 9-11

### 1.) Joyful, We will not see God's Wrath:

vv. 9

## The Christian Will Escape the Coming Tribulation Promise #5

1 Thessalonians 5:9

For God did not appoint us to wrath,..... but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

**1 Thessalonians 1:10**

and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**1 Thessalonians 2:19**

For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

**1 Thessalonians 3:12**

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, 1 Thessalonians 3:13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

**1 Thessalonians 4:15**

For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 1 Thessalonians 4:16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

\* did not appoint WRATH

a reserved part or an ordained moment or destiny

\* but to obtain SALVATION

**Darkness will Blind all those who have Rejected Jesus in this Age.**

2 Thessalonians 2:11

And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

### 2.) Hope, We will Win - We're Winning Now

vv. 10

...who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

**“...who died for us” - Jesus was not killed or murdered**

“I lay down my life - no man takes it from me - and I'll raise it up again”

“He died for us”

...for while we were YET SINNERS!!!

### 3.) Peace & Strength:

v. 11

Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

- \* Comfort GRK 3870 parakaleo (par-ak-al-eh'-o);  
A call TO COME near, i.e. invite,
- \* Edify GRK 3618 oikodomeo (oy-kod-om-eh'-o)  
a contractor, a carpenter, to be a house-builder, one lays a foundation, frames a structure, finishes it and displays it - **embolden.**

#### A QUESTION

IS THE LIFE THAT YOU'RE LIVING - A LIFE WORTH LIVING?

JESUS WANTS TO GIVE YOU A NEW START ON LIFE.