**1 Thessalonians Lesson 5 September 9, 2020**

**Are there unknown things that concern you when thinking about what happens after physical death?** **(Personal thought)**

**The Day of the Lord**

**1 Thessalonians 5 King James Version (KJV)**

**5**But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. **2**For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. **3**For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

**4**But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. **5**Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. **6**Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. **7**For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. **8**But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. **9**For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, **10**Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. **11**Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

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**12**And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; **13**And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. **14**Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. **15**See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

**16**Rejoice evermore. **17**Pray without ceasing. **18**In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

**19**Quench not the Spirit. **20**Despise not prophesying. **21**Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. **22**Abstain from all appearance of evil.

**23**And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **24**Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

**25**Brethren, pray for us. **26**Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss. **27**I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren. **28**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

1. **What did Paul not need to write about?**
2. **What two illustrations did Paul use to describe the coming day of the Lord (verses 1-4)?**

**What was Paul trying to convey with these illustrations?**

1. **What other verses have you found in reference to “The day of the Lord”?**
2. **How does Paul describe the Thessalonians in verses 4 & 5?**
3. **Put Paul’s admonition in verse 6 into your own words in the way you would share with others.** **(Personal thought)**
4. **Why is this admonition important?** **(Personal thought)**
5. **How does verse 8 compare with Ephesians 6:13-17?**
6. **How does verse 8 compare with 1 Thessalonians 1:3?**

**Why are these important to a believer**? **(Personal thought)**

1. **Who are the brethren Paul speaks of in verses 12 and 14? What were their function? Could you include yourself among them?**
2. **What 15 imperatives were given? (13-22)**
3. **Which of the imperative’s brings conviction to your heart? How will you act on it?** **(Personal thought)**
4. **What does Paul ask God to do for the readers of this letter?**
5. **What is Paul’s closing blessing upon his readers? Why is this important?**

**Who will you pray for this coming week?**