

“HOW ARE YOU TO LIVE IN LIGHT OF THE DAY OF THE LORD?”

(1 Thessalonians 5:4-11)

I. PERSONAL AND HISTORICAL EXPLANATIONS (1:2-3:13)

II. PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE EXHORTATIONS. (4:1-5:24)

A. Exhortations about GENERAL CONDUCT. (4:1-2)

B. Exhortations about SEXUAL PURITY. (4:3-8)

C. Exhortations about BROTHERLY LOVE and an ORDERLY LIFE. (4:9-12)

D. Exhortations about the BLESSED HOPE. (4:13-18)

E. Exhortations In View of the DAY OF THE LORD. (5:1-11)

1. An INTRODUCTION to the DAY OF THE LORD.

2. Their KNOWLEDGE of the DAY OF THE LORD. (5:1-3)

3. The EXHORTATIONS to SPIRITUAL WATCHFULNESS in light of the DAY OF THE LORD. (5:4-10)

a. The *basis* of the exhortations to *spiritual watchfulness*. (5:4-5)

1) The emphatic contrast of the “*they*” in verse 3 is the “_____” of verse 4.

2) The following appeal is based on their _____ (“*you brethren, are not in darkness*”).

* What does “*darkness*” represent?

* What would this spiritual position result in?

3) This spiritual position was true of _____ these believers.

4) The reason for the certainty of verse 4 is because all believers in Christ are _____ of _____ and of the _____.

* What does “*sons*” indicate?

* What is this in contrast to?

b. The *elements* of the exhortations to *spiritual watchfulness*. (5:6-8)

1) The first exhortation... “*let us not _____ as _____ do.*”

2) The second exhortation... “*but let us _____ and be _____.*”

* Why should we heed this?

c. The *motivations* for obeying these exhortations to *spiritual watchfulness*. (5:9-10)

1) The first motivation... “*For God _____ appoint us to _____...*”

* In the context, what is “*wrath*” referring to?

2) The second motivation... “*but to obtain _____ through our _____.*”

* In the context, what is “*salvation*” referring to?

* What does this guarantee to the believer in Christ?

4. **The APPLICATIONS to MUTUAL MINISTRY in light of the DAY OF THE LORD.**

a. The *recipients* of these applications are _____ believers in Christ without exception.

b. The *first application* to mutual ministry is to “_____ *each other.*”

c. The *second application* to mutual ministry is to “_____ *one another.*”

* How does all of this apply to you?