

# 1 THESSALONIANS

## Chapter 5 Bible Study

### Day 3 (Week 9)

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write you. <sup>2</sup> For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> When people are saying, "Everything is peaceful and secure," then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman's labor pains begin. And there will be no escape.

<sup>4</sup> But you aren't in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won't be surprised when the day of the Lord comes like a thief. <sup>5</sup> For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong to darkness and night. <sup>6</sup> So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded. <sup>7</sup> Night is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk. <sup>8</sup> But let us who live in the light be clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.

<sup>9</sup> For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. <sup>10</sup> Christ died for us so that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. <sup>11</sup> So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing.

#### Paul's Final Advice

<sup>12</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. <sup>13</sup> Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other. <sup>14</sup> Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone.

<sup>15</sup> See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people. <sup>16</sup> Always be joyful. <sup>17</sup> Never stop praying. <sup>18</sup> Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

<sup>19</sup> Do not stifle the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not scoff at prophecies, <sup>21</sup> but test everything that is said. Hold on to what is good. <sup>22</sup> Stay away from every kind of evil.

#### Paul's Final Greetings

<sup>23</sup> Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. <sup>24</sup> God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful.

<sup>25</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, pray for us. <sup>26</sup> Greet all the brothers and sisters with Christian love. <sup>27</sup> I command you in the name of the Lord to read this letter to all the brothers and sisters. <sup>28</sup> May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

### Questions

1. How will the day of the Lord's return come? (V2) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Everything will seem peaceful and secure when Jesus returns, but what will disaster look like for those who don't know Jesus as their Lord? (V3) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Will we be able to escape the disastrous consequences of not having Jesus as our Savior? (V3) \_\_\_\_\_

4. What comparison is made between those who know Jesus and those who don't? (V5) \_\_\_\_\_

5. How should those who live in the light be acting? (V8) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Instead of pouring out His anger on us, how did God choose to save us? (V9) \_\_\_\_\_

7. How long will we be living with Jesus when He returns? (V10) \_\_\_\_\_

8. How does God want us to treat each other as we wait for His return? (V11) \_\_\_\_\_

9. How does God want us to treat our leaders in the Lord's work? (3 things from V12,13) \_\_\_\_\_

10. In verse 14-22 Paul the Apostle gives us 14 exhortations regarding how to treat others, what were they? (V14-22)

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11. Whose will is that believers should act this way? (V18) \_\_\_\_\_
12. Who can help you stay holy and keep you blameless until Jesus returns? (V23,24) \_\_\_\_\_
13. How should we greet all fellow believers? (V26) \_\_\_\_\_
14. Does God want us to share this letter (Thessalonians), and other scripture, with others? (V27) \_\_\_\_\_

**Reflection/Application:** What is the one thing that really stood out to you, and how can you apply it to your life? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Prayer Guide:** Based upon the third part of the Lord's Prayer (*Give us today the food we need*), Pray to God and ask Him to provide for your needs in life (Food, clothing, shelter, healthy relationships, etc).

**Answer Key**

1. Unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.
2. Disaster will come like a pregnant woman's labor pains.
3. No, there will be no escape.
4. Believers are children of the light and of the day, non-believers are belong to darkness and night.
5. Clearheaded, protected by the armor of faith and love, wearing the helmet of our salvation as our confidence.
6. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.
7. God.
8. Forever.
9. He wants us to encourage each other and build each other up.
10. 1) Warn those who are lazy. 2) Encourage the timid. 3) Take care of the weak. 4) Be patient with everyone. 5) Don't pay back evil for evil.
- 6) Always try to do good to everyone. 7) Always be joyful. 8) Never stop praying. 9) Be thankful in all circumstances. 10) Don't stifle the Holy Spirit.
- 11) Don't scoff at prophecies. 12) Test all prophecies. 13) Hold on to what is good. 14) Stay away from every kind of evil.
11. It is God's will.
12. God can because He is faithful.
13. With Christian Love.
14. Yes, God wants us to share this letter with all the brothers and sisters in Christ.