

## 1 Thess 5:1-11

concerning how and when all this will happen, dear brothers and sisters, we don't really need to write  
For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the  
3 When people are saying, "Everything is peaceful and secure," then disaster will fall on them as  
nly as a pregnant woman's labor pains begin. And there will be no escape.  
you aren't in the dark about these things, dear brothers and sisters, and you won't be surprised when  
ay of the Lord comes like a thief. 5 For you are all children of the light and of the day; we don't belong  
rkness and night. 6 So be on your guard, not asleep like the others. Stay alert and be clearheaded.  
it is the time when people sleep and drinkers get drunk. 8 But let us who live in the light be clearheaded,  
ected by the armor of faith and love, and wearing as our helmet the confidence of our salvation.  
God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us. 10 Christ died for  
that, whether we are dead or alive when he returns, we can live with him forever. 11 So encourage each  
and build each other up, just as you are already doing." (NLT)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ of the thoughts of chapter 4:13-18 Vs 1

- A. A discussion of end time events
- B. Specifically concerning the "\_\_\_\_\_ and when" of the Rapture of the Church
- C. **Brethren**-This is an event that only the Saved are \_\_\_\_\_ for
- D. Obviously the Believers understood the time line of this end time event
- E. "Those who watch do not need to be told *when* the hour will come, for they are always ready." JFB Commentary

The time line revisited Vs 2-3a

- A. It will happen suddenly and \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 2-3a
  - 1. There will be no announcement, only "\_\_\_\_\_ signs"
  - 2. Illustration used for \_\_\_\_\_ sake only
    - a. The event will be unexpected to the masses who are not \_\_\_\_\_
    - b. The Lord is not coming to take what does not \_\_\_\_\_ belong to Him

B. It happens at a time when the masses feel "peacefully \_\_\_\_\_" Vs 3a

The Rapture of the Church will bring in a time of \_\_\_\_\_ on the earth and those living on it Vs 3b

- A. This disaster will happen \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Those on the earth will not \_\_\_\_\_ this disaster

The Rapture of the Church begins the "Day of the Lord" Vs 4

- A. The Day of the Lord
  - 1. The Day of the Lord is a Bible term referring to a specific time \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. This time period begins with the Rapture of the Church and continues through the 1000 year reign of Christ (To be considered at a later date)
- B. The Day of the Lord will be a \_\_\_\_\_ time for the Believers
  - 1. We will be the ones the Lord has come to "\_\_\_\_\_ " take out of this sin-cursed world
  - 2. We will be ushered into the presence of Christ for \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. We will finally begin to experience the long awaited event promised to the Believer

Believers are \_\_\_\_\_ from the unsaved of the world Vs 5 Cf. John 3:16-21

The Believer's life \_\_\_\_\_ is totally different spiritually and behaviorally from the rest of the world Vs 6

- A. Believers are not \_\_\_\_\_ with spiritual "sleepiness" Vs 6a
- B. Believers practice spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ Vs 6b

C. Contrast between being asleep and awake Vs 7-8

1. The spiritually dead are drunk with the world and sleep \_\_\_\_\_ in the environment of the world Vs 7
2. Those who are spiritually awake are comfortable walking and living in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and His influence Vs 8
  - a. They wear the breastplate of faith and love
    1. Armor covering the " \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ "
    2. **Faith and love**-two qualities found in Believers because God has placed faith and love in their heart for Him and others
  - b. They wear the helmet of hope of salvation
    1. The helmet covers their \_\_\_\_\_ with which they think
    2. Their hope is in the salvation which God has \_\_\_\_\_ them

V. Those who are awake spiritually have hope of \_\_\_\_\_ the coming Judgment of God on the unsaved Vs 9-11

- A. Our hope is in the Lord Jesus Christ who \_\_\_\_\_ in our place Vs 9b-10a
- B. Our hope in Christ teaches us: Vs 9-10
  1. We have \_\_\_\_\_ God's wrath because Christ took God's wrath in our place, therefore we will not suffer that wrath on sin Vs 9
  2. We have deliverance ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) through Christ Vs 10
- C. Our hope in Christ is reason for \_\_\_\_\_ and edification among Believers Vs 11