

“Lives that Give Light”

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A question demanding utter honesty: Does it feel “dark” or “light” to be around you?

Core Truth: The Day of the Lord will be sudden and unexpected therefore...we must be *daylight people* in every sense.

The Watershed Event: The Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. vv 1-3

- Day of the Lord is a period of direct, cataclysmic intervention by God in human history—to judge sin and to bless the nation of Israel.

Two Diverse Experiences of End Times Events. vv 4-11

The Darkness Experience of End Times Events—without Christ:

- **Therefore:** Trust Christ today!

The Daylight Experience of End Times Events—with Christ:

- **Therefore:** Be a person of encouragement and build up others!

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“Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk each day this week.

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Please read: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 each day this week.

- **Today.** Please list all the descriptors that you can see in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 of the nature of the Day of the Lord.
 0. **Please read:** Isaiah 13:9-11 and see the judgment aspects of that day.
 1. **Please read:** Zephaniah 3:14, 15 and see the blessing aspects of that day.
- **Monday.** What needs to change in your life in order to be more fully “awake and alert” spiritually?
- **Tuesday.** How would you describe a “daylight lifestyle” and what are the gaps between your life and a daylight life?
- **Wednesday.** How do faith and love protect you spiritually? What is the condition of your faith? How could you strengthen it? What is the condition of your love? How could you deepen it?
- **Thursday.** New Testament “hope” is a certain, settled, unshakable conviction that a certain spiritual blessing will happen in the future. What is the condition of your hope? How could you make your hope in God’s future spiritual blessings more certain?
- **Friday.** What is it like to be around you in terms of encouragement? What needs to improve? What is it like to be around you in terms of building up others? What needs to improve?
- **Saturday.** In preparation for tomorrow please read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22.

Note for Connection Groups: The full study guide for small group and personal study is available at: www.cypressbible.org (Quick Menu / Connect / Sermon Based Small Group Material).