

sermon notes

May 22, 2022 | Pastor Tony Caffey, Verse By Verse Fellowship
Kingdom Called | “Children of the Light or the Night” | **1 Thess 5:1-11**

1. Christ’s return is _____ by judgment (5:1-3)

2. Christ’s return is _____ by the children of light (5:4-11)
 - a) Be _____
 - b) Be _____
 - c) Be _____
 - d) Be _____

Questions for further application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Can we be certain that Christ will return? If so, why? According to 1 Thessalonians, what will Christ’s return look like? What will happen to those who belong to Christ (both dead and alive)? What about those who reject Christ?

Read 1 Thess 5:4-6. What’s the difference between children of the light and children of the night? Who are the children of the light? Why does Paul use that term? What does the term signify? How does one “walk in the light” (see John 8:12; 12:35-37; 1 John 1:5-9)?

What is the wrath of God? Why is God angry? Is God right to be angry? How do we escape God’s wrath? Is it difficult for you to communicate the wrath of God to other people? Why is the wrath of God an important and essential doctrine of Christianity? Does God’s wrath nullify God’s love? If not, why not?

GET PERSONAL

How do we ready ourselves for the return of Christ? What does readiness look like? What does watchfulness look like? What does a lack of readiness and watchfulness look like?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:8. What does sober-mindedness look like? Does sober-mindedness mean sinlessness? Paul tells us to put on the breastplate of faith and love. How do faith and love protect us? How does the helmet of the hope of salvation strengthen us? Why are faith, hope, and love so important to the Christian?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Paul tells believers for the second time to encourage one another with these truths (4:18; 5:11). How do you encourage fellow believers with the truths of Scripture? What does it mean to “build one another up” (5:11)? How are you built up by the truths of Scripture? How do you build others up? Why does Paul tell us to encourage one another with the truths of eschatology (Christ’s return and coming judgment) in 1 Thessalonians?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Read the following passages that describe the Day of the Lord: Joel 1:15; 2:10-11; 3:14-16; Amos 5:18-20; Zeph 1:14-18; 2 Pet 3:10. Consider those passages in light of 1 Thessalonians. How will the Day of the Lord come about? How should we prepare for it?

Watch the following video from the Bible Project and discuss:

<https://thebibleproject.com/explore/day-lord/>