

Series: The Model Church

Title: The Lord's Return & the Believer's Behavior

Text: (1 Thessalonians 5:4-11)

(1 Thes 5:3) US vs THEY - Saved vs. Lost

Lesson Aim: We are to be fully prepared for Christ's Return
(Vs 6) Theme Verse

A. The Believer is not to be overtaken by the Lord's Return: (Vs 4-5)

4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

Thessalonian Christians, nor any Nt Believer, are not the children of Darkness

"That Day" - The bible tells us to be looking forward to it.

"Overtake" - It is not to come upon us unexpectedly.

We are to watching, expecting, know that it is inevitable, even though we don't know the exact date.

1. Believer is not in darkness of Ignorance.

We know the word, thus we know it is coming,

We are to be anticipating it.

We are not to be in the Darkness of sin.

Our mind & thoughts are not to be on the things of this world.

Our Focus & thoughts are to be on God.

2. Believer is a child of light. (1 Jn 1:5)

(Jn 6:44) (Jn 12:32) I will draw all men.

Reformed/Calvinism is not Biblical.

3. Believer is a child of the Day: (1 Thes 5:5)

5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

We should be looking for the day of the Lord's return.

We should be walking in the spirit/about the Father's business

(Matt 5:14) "*Ye are the light of the world*"

(Judges 5:31)

Why do we need to understand the Day of the Lord?

Do you need to make changes to your life to ensure that you are a child of the day?

Do you think you can have an effective witness without really living for the Lord?

Why precautions can you take to not be caught of Guard? Get Saved, Study the Word, be watching in Prayer.

B. The Believer is not to be Spiritually Asleep or

Unwatchful: (Vs 6-7)

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

Sleep - Spiritual Sleep

He is not Alert or Involved in the things of God around him.

Be watching and Alert.

Sober~ rigid and disciplined.

A. Some do sleep.

Some believers are asleep spiritually.

They are not watching

They are focussing on the work and fulfilling the flesh.

They mind and behavior is not focussed on the Lord.

7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

B. Some are identified with the night & evil behavior.

Believers that is engaged with the drunkards is of the night.

(1 Jn 2:9-11) Some believers will get out of fellowship w God
(Matt 25:13) Watch!

C. The Believer is to be sober & protect Himself: (Vs 8-10)

8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

(1 Thes 1:10) delivered from the wrath to come.

10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

D. The Believer is to Minister: (Vs 11)

11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.