

**JESUS IS COMING SOON... NOW WHAT?
HOW TO LIVE WHILE WE WAIT**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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The truths about the return of Jesus, and our relationship with Him, should change our lives, change our thinking, and make every day a day to look for His return.

What we know!

1.) We are _____ by _____ for _____.

- Our future is not wrath, it is salvation.

2.) We are _____ by _____.

Ephesians 6:10-18

- Faith protects the Heart.
- Love protects the Heart.

3.) We are _____ of _____.

- What do we know? What are we confident about?
 - a) Christ died for us!
 - b) We belong to him!
 - c) We will not suffer the wrath of God!
 - d) We will live for him!

Because of what we know, this is how we will live!

4.) We are _____ to stay _____. Our lives, our testimonies, our relationships with God and others are too important not to.

- What should we guard against?
 - ✓ Spiritual Drifting
 - ✓ Worldly Thinking
 - ✓ False Security
 - ✓ Discouragement

5.) We are going to look for ways to _____ each another.

5:11- NLT, TMB – So; NIV, NKJV – Therefore

Everything Paul wrote to the Thessalonians was to encourage them.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 - June 14, 2026, Study Notes

As we mediate on these Scriptures this week, notice the difference between the those who are unprepared for the return of Christ, and the followers of Christ.

The unprepared – They say, “peace and security” – and disaster will come suddenly.

Those who know Jesus are children of light, we don't belong to the darkness. We are children of the day. We will not be surprised!

God has given us this beautiful promise in vs.9 - **“For God chose to save us through our Lord Jesus Christ, not to pour out his anger on us.” (NLT)**

- For those who know Jesus, the future is not wrath, but salvation!

What an incredible truth – WE HAVE BEEN CHOSEN!

- Paul places his hope, and our hope is based upon the actions of God. We have no hope in ourselves, in our own abilities, or even in the fact that we are watching, our hope is found in the incredible, loving, gracious, merciful truth that we have been chosen by God. (WE ARE NOW ON GOD'S TEAM.)
- Our hope is found in God's choice, not our performance.
- This week, watch for and celebrate the return of Christ! WE ARE NOT WAITING WONDERING WHETHER GOD WILL ACCEPT US! WE WAIT KNOWING THAT THROUGH CHRIST WE BELONG TO GOD! CELEBRATE BEING ON THE TEAM!

What an incredible command – BE ALERT! BE READY FOR HIS COMING! BE CLEARHEADED!

We are taught in these Scriptures to STAY ALERT, not to try to figure out when Jesus is returning but be ready for his return. The only information we have in our text is that Jesus will return suddenly like a THIEF IN THE NIGHT! Consider what being Clearheaded means.

- ✓ A mindset that is not clouded by the world's values, fears, temptations or distractions.
- ✓ Biblical thinking, not emotionally thinking. (Do we value emotions over the Word?)
- ✓ This is a look at life from God's perspective.
- ✓ An attitude that we will not be swept away by panic, false teaching, or worldly thinking.
- ✓ A focus on the return of Christ.
- ✓ This week let's practice being alert, clearheaded, and the truth that we have been chosen. (All we had to do was join the team by giving our lives to Jesus.)