

What do we do with this text?

1. Embrace the _____ in the Day of the Lord
 - a. The best day and the _____ day
 - b. Live well, but don't depend on _____
 - c. No idea when it will _____, but live every day as if it's about to _____
2. _____!
3. _____ one another to be ready

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How should the Day of the Lord affect our walk and witness right here and now?
2. What should being 'alert and sober' look like in your life so that you're not living like those who are 'asleep and drunk'?
3. Describe some healthy ideas for how exhort and disciple each other to live in light of the Day of the Lord without falling to the extremes of either not taking our brothers & sisters seriously enough or of becoming legalistic.

Blanks: last things, Day of the Lord, Alert, How, Why, tension, worst, works, come, WAKE UP, Encourage



Series: DISCIPLESHIP—I Thessalonians
Lesson: Part 9 – Wake Up!
Passage: 1 Thess. 5:1–11

Eschatology: The study of ' _____ ,

- **When Is the _____ ? (w1-3)**
 - *What is the Day of the Lord?*
 - Judgment (Isa. 13:6–9)
 - Salvation/Rescue (Joel 2:30–32)
 - Carried over into NT (John 12:48; 6:40; 1 Cor. 1:8)

¹Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. ²For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. ³While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

- χρόνος [chronos] & καιρός [kairos] (Acts 1:6-7)
- No one will see it coming! (Matt. 24:36, 42-44)
- 'peace & safety' = 'pax et securitas'
- 'labor pains'

- **We Need to Be _____ (vv4-7)**

⁴But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; ⁵for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; ⁶so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober. ⁷For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night.

- Two contrasts:
 1. Light/day vs. dark/night
 2. Sleeping/drunk vs. alert/sober

- **The _____ & the _____ (vv8-11)**

⁸But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

- Sober ones are equipped with particular armor
- Salvation, not wrath
- Encourage & build up