

Lesson 8

usual indulgence.

by Living

you have been raised with your hearts on things above, seated at the right hand of minds on things above, not things. ²For you died, and your life was hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, you will appear with him in glory. Therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, lust, evil desires and greed, do not try. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived, when you were dead. Now you must rid yourselves of all these things: anger, rage, malice, slander, filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have put off your old self with its practices and are putting on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of God. ⁹Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, bar-

⁴15 Or them in him
disobedient

¹⁴ Some

an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ²⁵Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.

4 Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

Further instructions

¹Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. ³And pray for us,

and the church in Laodicea, and to every one of you.

¹⁶After this letter has been read to you, see that it is also read in the church of the Laodiceans and that you also read the letter from Laodicea.

¹⁷Tell Archippus: "See to it that you complete the work you have received in the Lord."

¹⁸I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. Remember my chains. Grace and peace to you.

1 Thessalonians

1 Paul, Silas^b and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in

God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace and peace to you.

^a Some manuscripts that he may know about your
early manuscripts you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

^b Greek Silvanus, a variant of Silas

*"Being Ready for The Day of The Lord"
(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)*

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NKJV)

¹ But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NKJV)

⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NKJV)

⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

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Jesus Is Coming Again (4:13-18)

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- ◆ 1:10 - and to wait for His Son from heaven, ...
- ◆ 2:19 - For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?
- ◆ 3:13 - so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.
- ◆ 4:15-17 - For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven ...

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**1 Thessalonians 4:18
(NKJV)**

**18 Therefore
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As A Thief In The Night (5:1-4)



1 Thessalonians 5:1-2
(NKJV)

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

- ◆ The Lord's coming will be a surprise for many, as the "*thief in the night*" motif clearly indicates - *1Th 5:2*; cf. *2Pe 3:10*
- ◆ But for those who heed the warnings of Scripture, the "*Day*" will not overtake them as a thief - *1Th 5:1-2,4*

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As A Thief In The Night (5:1-4)



1 Thessalonians 5:3
(NKJV)

3 For when they say,
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◆ FOR SOME, AN INESCAPABLE
DESTRUCTION...

- ▶ When many (*those who are unprepared*) are saying "*Peace and safety!*" - *1Thes 5:3; Matt. 24:36-44; Mark 13:32-37; Lk 21:34,35*
- ▶ When He comes, it will be with "*sudden destruction*" & no time nor way to escape - *1Thes 5:3; cf. 2Thes. 1:7-10; 2 Pet 3:10-14; Mt. 23:33. He. 2:3; 12:25.*

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1 Thessalonians 5:4
(NKJV)

4 But you, brethren,
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thief.

- ◆ This "Day" will be one of glory for those who are ready - cf. 2Th 1:10
- ▶ For those who now "**sleep in Jesus**" - cf. 1Thes. 4:13-16
- ▶ For "**Brethren, not in darkness**" - cf. 1Thes. 4:17-18; Rom. 13:11-13. Col. 1:13. 1 Pet. 2:9, 10. 1 Jn 1:5-10.
- ▶ What will this "**Day**" mean for us — destruction, or joy?

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As Sons of Light & Day (5:5-11)

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6
(NKJV)

5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

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

- ▶ Because we follow Jesus, the "*light of the world*" - Jn 8:12; 12:35-36; Col. 1:13
- ▶ Because we are now in Jesus, and walk in the light - Ep 5:8; 1Jn 1:5-7
- ▶ Because we cast off works of darkness, and seek to walk properly - Ro 13:11-14

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- ▶ We are to be watchful for His coming - 1Th 5:6
- ▶ No one knows when Jesus will return — cf. 1Thes. 5:2; Mt 24:36, 42;
- ▶ Not of "**night**" or "**darkness**" — *Acts 26:18; Eph. 5:8.*
- ▶ Let us not "**Sleep**," not to live in spiritual laxity & death - *Rom 13:11-14; Ep. 5:14; Rev 3:2,3*

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As Sons of Light & Day (5:5-11)

1 Thessalonians 5:7-8
(NKJV)

7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation.

Romans 13:12-14 (NKJV)

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

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- ▶ We are to be sober - 5:6-8a
- ▶ The word "sober" means to be temperate or abstinent, especially in regards to wine.
- ▶ In a more general sense to be sober-minded, watchful, circumspect — Ep. 5:15,16; Tit. 2:6, 12. 1 Pe. 1:13; 5:8.
- ▶ We should certainly take the promise of Jesus' coming seriously, not frivolously.

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► We are to put on the armor
of God — 1Th 5:8; Ro. 13:12

► ***"The breastplate of faith
and love"*** — *"faith working by
love"* (Ga 5:6; cf. Eph. 6:10-18).

► ***"And as a helmet the hope of
salvation"*** — (Ro. 5:2-5;
8:24,25; 2 Th. 2:16; He. 6:19;
10:35,36; 1 Pe. 1:3-5,13; 1 Jn 3:1-3).

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1 Thessalonians 5:9-10
(NKJV)

9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

- ▶ As sons of light & day, we have been appointed to salvation — 1Th 5:9-10
- ▶ He has not appointed us to wrath — (*cf. Ro 2:4-11; 1Th 1:10*)
- ▶ Salvation is in Christ who died for us - (*Rom 5:8-10; 6:3-6; 2 Cor. 5:15; 2 Thes. 2:13*)
- ▶ So, whether we live or die, we should live together with Christ! - (*cf. 1Th 4:14,17; Php 1:21-23*)

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**I Thessalonians 5:11
(NKJV)**

**II Therefore comfort
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cf. 4:18; 2 Cor. 1:3-4; He. 3:13; 10:25;
Ro. 14:19; 15:2

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Jesus Is Coming Again (4:13-5:11)



▶ **Will we be prepared when Christ comes?**

- ◆ Are you IN CHRIST? — (cf. Ac 2:38,41,47; Rom. 6:3,4; Gal. 3:26,27)?
- ◆ Are you continuing steadfastly in the apostles doctrine (cf. Ac 2:42)?
- ▶ Are we watchful?
 - ◆ Putting on the armor of God?
 - ◆ Actively engaged in comforting and edifying our brethren?

2 PETER 3:9-14 (NKJV)

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.

2 PETER 3:9-14 (NKJV)

¹¹ Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?

2 PETER 3:9-14 (NKJV)

¹³ Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

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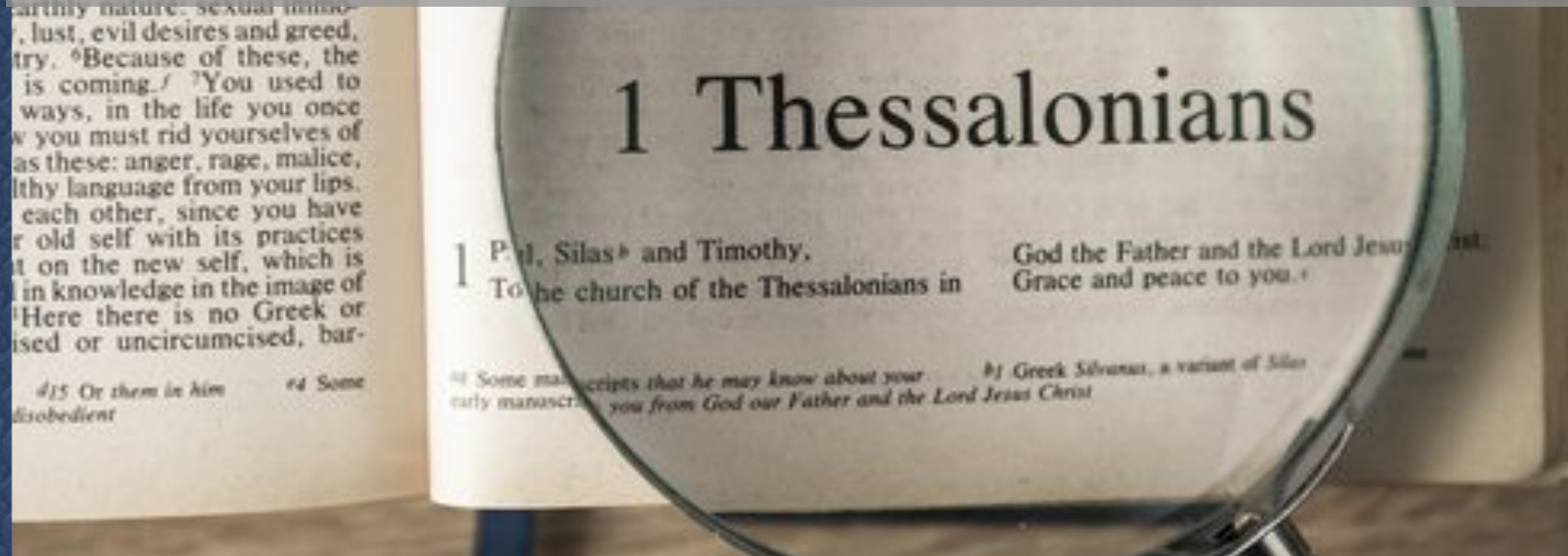
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