

“Children of the Light”

Series: Blameless Hearts – 1 Thessalonians Series

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Last Sunday, our journey through 1 Thessalonians brought us to the question: Are You Ready?

Ready for what? “The Return of Jesus!”

Yes, but better answer: Are You Ready to Meet Him?

Like them, we wait for the Return of Jesus. Meanwhile, life goes on and distractions abound!

As Paul nears the end of his letter, he packs it full of practical information & guidance. Let’s see!

1. Paul emphasizes the condition of the world just prior to _____!

“Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ²for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴**But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.**”

1 Thessalonians 5:1-4

2. Christ-followers must learn to deal with _____.

“You are all **children of the light and children of the day**. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.”

1 Thessalonians 5:5-7

3. Paul Describes Daytime-People _____!

“But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on **faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet**. ⁹For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹Therefore **encourage one another** and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

Conclusion: Living as Daylight People in a Dark World is the hardest things we will ever do!

All Scriptures are from the New International Version Bible unless otherwise mentioned. You may make comments or ask Bro. Tony questions about this message by email at: brotony@itawambachristianchurch.org