

# The Day of the Lord

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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**BIG IDEA: The hope of Christ's return inspires us to live holy lives.**

## I. For the unbeliever (5:3)

### 1. The day of the Lord will be unexpected. (v. 3a)

**Matthew 24:36-44 (ESV)** | 36 But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. 37 For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming [parousia] of the Son of Man. 38 For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, 39 and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming [parousia] of the Son of Man.

### 2. The day of the Lord will be sudden inescapable destruction. (v. 3b)

## II. For the believer (5:1-2, 4-11)

### 1. The day of the Lord is eagerly anticipated. (vv. 1-2, 4-5)

- Because it's promised in the gospel (vv. 1-2)

**Titus 1:1-2** | 1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began.

- Because we are children of the light (vv. 4-5)

**1 Corinthians 15:50-55** | 50 I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 51 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. 53 For this perishable body must put on the imperishable,

and this mortal body must put on immortality. 54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

## 2. The day of the Lord inspires holiness. (vv. 6-8)

- We are to keep alert and self-control (vv. 6-7)

**1 Peter 1:13-16** | 13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

- We are to exercise faith, love, and hope (v. 8)

**1 Thessalonians 1:3** | remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

## 3. The day of the Lord is the consummation of salvation (vv. 9-11)

- We are destined for salvation, not wrath (v. 9)

**1 Thessalonians 1:9-10** | 9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

- We will live with Christ forever because he died for us (v. 10)

**1 Thessalonians 5:23-24** | 23 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

## Benediction

**Romans 15:13** | May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.