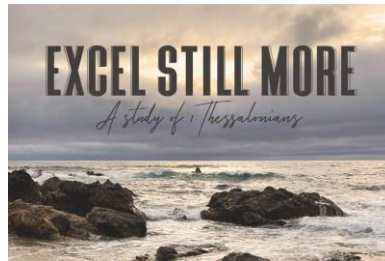


# DISCIPLE'S QUEST

*If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



**February 4, 2024**

**1 Thessalonians 5:4-11**

**The Day of the Lord Part 2 - How to Live While We Wait**

## **Main Idea:**

As believers in the Lord Jesus, we must diligently pursue holiness as we live in this present fallen and sometimes hostile world as we await His return. Doing so requires that we take stock in our citizenship in His kingdom, remain vigilant and be arrayed in His spiritual armor.

## **Outline:**

Three instructions for living faithfully and growing in holiness day by day as the days grow darker and Christ's return draws near:

1. We must understand our blessed position as believers in Jesus and see to it that our approach to daily living aligns accordingly.
  
2. We must strive to live faithfully as "sons of light and sons of day." Doing so requires two things of us:
  - We must live vigilantly (v.6)
  - We must be spiritually armored (v.v. 7,8).
    - ◆ The breastplate of faith and love
    - ◆ The helmet of the hope of salvation
  
3. We must make our meditation the strengthening fact that our true eternal home is in heaven with our Lord.

## Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 What is the rapture of the church?

Where is it described in Scripture in addition to 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18?

What is the Lord's purpose for the rapture?

#2 What is the Day of the Lord spoken of in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3?

When will it begin and when will it conclude?

#3 Do Christians need to fear the Day of the Lord? Why not?

#4 In v.v. 5-8, the unbelieving are referred to as being "of night and darkness," while believers are called "sons of light and sons of day." How does that description of Christians indicate that they should live?

#5 Why is it important for Christians to pursue holiness while they await the Lord's return?

What "steps" must one take to do so?

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