

Let's Talk About The Day of the Lord The King is Coming Part 26

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Thessalonians is a two-part letter

- The first letter, 1 Thessalonians, has five parts or chapters
- The second letter, 2nd Thessalonians, has three parts or chapters

Paul dictated the letter on behalf of the missionary trio

- Paul, Silas, and Timothy. A.K.A., the missionary trio

The five chapters may be divided as follows:

- Greeting / Thanksgiving for the Thessalonians
- Paul's Ministry to The Thessalonians
- The Report of Timothy's Encouraging Visit
- A Life Pleasing to God / Those Who Died In Christ
- The Day of The Lord / Christian Conduct

Scholars say Thessalonica got its name from the wife of Cassander, who was also the half-sister of Alexander the Great, and her name was Thessalonee-kee.

- Thessaloniki is the second-largest city in Greece, after Athens, and is the capital of Macedonia.

1 Thessalonians 1:1 AMP - "*Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you, and peace.*

- The latter peace flows out of the former grace, and together both come from God our Father and are made effective through our Lord Jesus Christ

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 AMP - Those Who Died in Christ

Don't be uninformed about those who are asleep in death so that you don't grieve like others who have no hope.

13 Now we do not want you to be uninformed, believers, about those who are asleep [in death], so that you will not grieve [for them] as the others do who have no hope [beyond this present life].

You believe that Jesus died and rose again. Well the same will be true for your loved ones, those who are believers that have asleep in Jesus.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again [as in fact He did], even so God [in this same way- by raising them from the dead] will bring with Him those [believers] who have fallen asleep in Jesus.

The dead in Christ will rise first.

15 For we say this to you by the Lord's [own] word, that we who are still alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will in no way precede [into His presence] those [believers] who have fallen asleep [in death]. 16 For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a shout of command, with the voice of the archangel and with the [blast of the] trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Then those who are alive and remain on the earth will be caught up together with the resurrected ones to meet the Lord.

17 Then we who are alive and remain [on the earth] will simultaneously be caught up (raptured) together with them [the resurrected ones] in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord!

Therefore comfort and encourage one another concerning our reunion with believers who have died.

18 Therefore comfort and encourage one another with these words [concerning our reunion with believers who have died].

Many of you are now thinking about your family and friends who have died in Christ Jesus.

- What is it like to be dead and asleep at the same time?
- When we're together again, and I'm reunited with my loved one, will I recognize them?
- How long before I see them again?"

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11 AMP

- The day of the Lord is for those consigned to wrath.
- The day of the Lord has to do with God's judgment on unbelievers

The day of the Lord will be "sudden," and the unbeliever's "destruction" will be inescapable."

- This reality serves to reassure Believers, not threaten them.

Romans 8:18 ESV - "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

- Our hope of the “The Coming” – the Parousia – is not driven by a feverish expectation but rather patience that one day, soon and very soon, we shall hear Him say well done, good and faithful servant, well done. Enter into your rest.

Paul uses the Christian triad of faith, love, and hope to shift us into the mindset of a soldier outfitted for combat.

- The reference here is to Isaiah 59:17 ESV *“He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.”*

COP Family, for this reason:

- Encourage one another
- Build each other up

The King Is Coming!