

Evidence of a Healthy Church: Be Sober-Minded; part2 (5:1-11)

1. The Day of the Lord is Coming (5:1-3)

- A. The Day of the Lord is God's _____ on mankind; man's and Satan's day is over; the Lord's day
 - 1. N.T. warns of the day of the Lord and its judgment; **1Thess5:3**; 2Thess1:5-9; Rev6-19
 - 2. O.T. warned of this day **Is2:12**; **13:6,9-12**, many other passages given last week
- B. The focus is not _____ but the fact **it is** coming (vs.1-2)
 - 1. times (vs.1) Gk. chronos, calendar time – days, weeks, months, years, etc.
 - 2. epochs (vs.1) Gk. Kairos, an event w/events inside – both in book of Revelation; chp6 on...
 - 3. thief (vs.2) – don't know when, he's unexpected, sudden, unwanted, doing harm, but coming
 - *No one knows when The Day is coming, but it is coming! **Matt24:36-41,42** – **this is 2nd coming**
 - 4. labor pains upon a woman(vs.3); as warning signs to Mom the baby's coming is imminent

2. People of the Day vs. People of the Night (5:4,5)

- A. All people of the world God puts in _____ categories – People of the day or of the darkness
 - 1. People of darkness – darkness, sleep, drunkenness – lost unbelievers, under Satan
 - *dark mentally and morally – how they think and live; their very nature – **Eph2:3**
 - 2. People of Light – Light, alertness, soberness – saved believers in Christ
 - *****John3:19**; **Jn8:12**; **2Cor4:3-4**; **Col1:13,14**; **Acts26:18**
- B. Different _____ for both – Rapture 4:13-18 people of Light; Day of Lord/Judgment – 5:2-3, people of darkness

3. Be Sober-Minded (5:4-11)

- A. Our _____ – no part in darkness (vs.4) for you are sons of light (vs.5)
 - 1. “sons of light” a Hebraic expression for whatever you are dominated by *(Sons of Anarchy)
 - 2. Our nature has been changed! ***Eph2:1-5,8-10**; **Ezk36:25-27**; **2Cor5:17**
- B. Our _____ – “so then” (vs.6) “since we are of the day **let us be sober**” (vs.8)
 - 1. Our nature is “**WHY**” our behavior is distinct from the world/darkness
 - ***(vs.7)** the lost “sleep” in darkness; Gk. spiritual indifference, not death as in chp4; oblivious they are in darkness; “drunk” on darkness, dominated and under the influence of darkness, their nature -they live ungodly lives completely oblivious to their future!
 - 2. Christians will live differently than those of darkness; **Eph5:7-11**; **1Jn1:5-7**; **1Jn2:9**
 - *alert – Gk. awake; able to correctly understand what is happening spiritually in world
 - *sober – Gk. not under the influence; not distracted w/ world/darkness, focused on Light
 - *having put on... we have done this... is the image of a soldier on duty, at attention
 - *breastplate of faith and love – our spiritual heart and bowels/emotions are protected by our faith in the Lord, our love for the Lord; **shield of faith** extinguishes Satan's arrows
 - *helmet, the hope of salvation – our future glorification; same as in Eph6; what Paul has been telling them of the Rapture and Day of the Lord is a helmet, knowing they are safe!
 - ***this guards our minds, our thinking; decision making – looking for Christ! ***1Jn3:1-3**
 - *****Ex. 2Tim4:7-8**, Assurance as he faces death! **Rom13:11-14** putting this together!
- C. Our _____ – we are not **destined** for wrath (vs.9-10)
 - 1. Wrath; not outburst of rage; but an abiding, settled habit of mind; day of the Lord and eternal wrath; **2Thess1:5-9**
 - 2. Christ died for us so we could have salvation; **1Thess1:10**; **Rom5:8-9**; **Jn3:36**; **Gal3:10,13**
 - 3. We will live together with Him forever! ***1Pe1:3-9**

