

The Rest of the Story

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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2 Thessalonians 2:1-2

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brother, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

I. Our destined day will come.

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and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

READ Matthew 24:42-44

Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

1 Thessalonians 5:4-7

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II. Our family is ready.

Psalms 18:28

For it is you who light my lamp; the Lord my God lightens my darkness.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

1 Thessalonians 5:6-7

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Romans 13:11-14

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

III. Our salvation is certain.

1 Thessalonians 5:8-11

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1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

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Main Idea: We stand ready for our destined day.