

3. Paul contrasts the day and the darkness. Which parts of his contrast stood out to you? Why does Paul hit so hard on preparation and the mind (be alert and sober, not sleeping)? Have you ever felt like you were sleeping or in a stupor regarding your faith? Why were you at that point? What pitfalls do we need to avoid? What do you make of people who are “well put-together,” but who are not believers? How do we make sense of their lives in light of Paul’s writings?

4. Why might Paul use armor to indicate preparation? Why does Paul return to faith, hope, and love? In other words, why are these three such a good contrast with the “night life” he was just referring to?

5. Again, Paul shapes his ethics with his eschatology and tells the Thessalonians to do the same. Why is salvation in Christ a motivator to right living?

Extra Space for Extra Notes: Good for you!

Welcome to CSC! (10/22/2025) 1 Thess 5:1-11

Memory Verses this semester:

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Review: Those who Have Died in Christ

Tonight: Today, in Light of the Day of the Lord

5:1-3 Predicting the times and epochs... ____ _!

YouTube... don’t waste your time.

Montanus and Montanism

5:1-3 The ____ of the Lord

Two uses in scripture

_____ Judgment- Isaiah 29:6 for example or Northern Kingdom’s destruction and Southern Kingdom’s exile.

Judgment and _____.

Malachi 4:1-2 Points towards a _____ judgment.

All are _____. – Matthew 12, 1 Cor. 3:13-15

_____ for all, _____ for those not in Christ. – Matthew 24, 3, 25, Mark 13, Luke 17...

Jeremiah 6:14

5:4-8 _____ living in Light and Living in Darkness

Not fear mongering.

Darkness in terms of ignorance and rebellion.

Low hanging fruit, but what about those who are “well put-together?”

Living in a different _____. – Colossians 1:9-14

The now _____ the not yet.

Inaugurated, but not consummated.

Put on the _____ of God.

Breastplate of faith and love.

Helmet of salvation.

5:9-11 _____ one another.

Final Destination

Awake or asleep

Do not be idle, be prepared.

Small Group Questions and Resources

*Please keep in mind that small groups are not expected to get through all of these questions. They are not required to “get through” any of them. Rather, please take these questions as an optional guide to help digest the message.

Some great resources for you guys:

Theology from the Great Tradition by Steven Cone

This article from the gospel coalition:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/the-day-of-the-lord/>

This article from Blue Letter Bible:

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/faq/mill.cfm>

Some questions you can ask your group.

1. Are you familiar with Christian groups or individuals who continually try and predict when the day of the Lord will be? How is this passage and others like it, a direct refutation of such programs? Why do people do it anyway? Is it more comforting knowing that we are simply called to be ready? Or would you rather know when the exact day was? What are some ways in which that would be less helpful?

2. Read Jeremiah 6:13-15 and Isaiah 13:6-8. How are Paul’s words similar to the prophets of old? Why does this bode poorly for those who are not in Christ? What will the day of the Lord be like for those who reject Christ? Why does Paul, and why do the prophets use language like “thieves” and “labor pains” to describe the day of the Lord?

Questions continued on the back.