



BE READY

CERTAIN HOPE
1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

ALERT
FOCUSED
PREPARED
EXPECTANT

Be Watchful. Be Awake. Be Ready.

MARK 13:33

INTRODUCTION

A question comes up from time to time, concerning prophecy. Why bother with prophecy if it is all decided anyway? For me there are two practical reasons for why we want to study prophecy. The first is this – the Bible is over 1/3 prophetic and so to teach the Bible verse by verse we will most definitely encounter a great deal of prophecy as we traverse through the Word. The second reason to study prophecy is because prophecy provides hope. Hope is forward-looking, and prophecy reveals the grounds for genuine hope. Prophecy looked to the coming of the Savior and prophecy looks to the Return of the King of kings and Lord of Lords. Prophecy prepares us for the Last Days.

In baseball as in other sports, there is what is known as the ready position. A comfortable crouch up on the balls of your feet, glove down – able to move in any direction and ready to field the ball. Keeping your eye on the ball – focused. As children of God we too must be alert and focused so that we can be ready for the Day of the Lord.

*Live with Hope
in the Light of
His Coming!*



SCRIPTURE GUIDE

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11 (CSB)

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

1 About the times and the seasons: Brothers and sisters, you do not need anything to be written to you. 2 For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

Be aware and expect it.

1 Thessalonians 5:3-4

3 When they say, "Peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in the dark, for this day to surprise you like a thief.

The world will be caught off guard, but we are not.

1 Thessalonians 5:5-6

5 For you are all children of light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. 6 So then, let us not sleep, like the rest, but let us stay awake and be self-controlled.

Live as children of light.

1 Thessalonians 5:7-8

7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled and put on the armor of faith and love, and a helmet of the hope of salvation.

Put on the armor for the day.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-10

9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

We have a certain hope in Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up as you are already doing.

Strengthen one another.



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A CERTAIN HOPE FOR A COMING DAY

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1–11

*Our hope
is in Christ!
Titus 2:13*

KEY TEACHING POINTS

1 THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME SUDDENLY (5:1–3)

- It will be like a thief in the night.
- People will say, "Peace and security," but sudden destruction will come.
- We are to be aware and expect it.

2 WE ARE CHILDREN OF LIGHT (5:4–6)

- We are not in the dark.
- We do not belong to the night or to darkness.
- Let us stay awake and be self-controlled.

3 LIVE DIFFERENTLY (5:7–8)

- The world sleeps and is consumed with sin.
- We belong to the day.
- Put on the armor of faith and love.
- Wear the helmet of the hope of salvation.

4 WE HAVE A CERTAIN HOPE (5:9–10)

- God did not appoint us to wrath.
- We obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us.
- Whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

5 ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER (5:11)

- Build each other up.
- Strengthen one another in the faith.
- Live in community and be ready together.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

- Be alert and spiritually awake.
- Keep our focus on Jesus.
- Live with self-control.
- Put on faith, love, and the hope of salvation.
- Encourage and build up one another.
- Live each day with eternity in mind.
- Be ready — because our hope is certain!

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JESUS CHRIST.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:9

FILL IN THE BLANKS

1. The day of the Lord will come just like a _____ in the _____.
(1 Thessalonians 5:2)
2. Let us be self-controlled and put on the _____ of faith and love, and a _____ of the hope of salvation. (1 Thessalonians 5:8)



CHALLENGE QUESTION

How can you practically live more alert, focused, and ready this week, and what is one specific step you will take to encourage and build up someone else in the faith?