

## **HOPE FOR TOMORROW**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

**Why should we as Christians be encouraged about the future?**

#### **1. We know what's coming**

*But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. (1-4)*

#### **2. We know how to prepare**

*You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. (5-7)*

#### **3. We know our enemies' tactics**

*But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. (8)*

#### **4. We know we are safe**

*For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. (9-10)*