



1 THESSALONIANS SERIES – 25
UNDERSTANDING WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST – Part 1
1 Thessalonians 5:4-11

INTRODUCTION

COMFORT ONE ANOTHER IN 2 AREAS:

- The Rapture of the Church
- The Rescue of God From The Day of the Lord

THE DISTINCTIVENESS OF BELIEVERS' NATURE - 5:4–5

1. THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THE LIGHT AND THE DARKNESS - 4-5

⇒ It is a **PROMISE**

“darkness” – 168x, 51x in the NT, 35x Isaiah to Malachi

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

“Darkness” is used in the NT in the following ways:

- It refers to “outer darkness” - hell itself
Matt. 8:12; 22:13; 25:30
- It refers to “chains of darkness” *2 Peter 2:4*
- It is used of the “power of darkness” *Luke 22:53; Col. 1:13*
- It refers to “works of darkness” *Rom 13:12; Eph. 5:11*
- It refers to those who “sit in darkness”
Luke 1:79 quoting from *Isaiah 42:7*
- It speaks of those who “walk in darkness”
John 8:12; 1 John 1:6 (obviously unbelievers)
- It refers to the coming “day of the Lord”
Amos 5:18, 20; Zeph. 1:15

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Those who “walk in the light” are believers, and those who “walk in the darkness” are unbelievers; but, believers are also challenged to not “walk in darkness.”