



1 THESSALONIANS SERIES – 26
UNDERSTANDING WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST – Part 2
1 Thessalonians 5:4-11

INTRODUCTION

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

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

THE DISTINCTIVENESS OF BELIEVERS' BEHAVIOR - 5:6–8

2. THE CHALLENGE TO BELIEVERS BECAUSE OF THAT CONTRAST - 6-8

⇒ The NEED for WATCHFULNESS

“let us watch and be sober” repeated in v. 8 - *“be sober”*

- Because of the Weakness of the flesh - Matt 26:41
*The need for spiritual vigilance
is not occasional but constant.*
- Because of the Work of the devil - 1 Peter 5:8

⇒ The NECESSITY of WEARING spiritual – 8

*“having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet
the hope of salvation”* - Eph 6:13-17

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?

THE DISTINCTIVENESS OF BELIEVERS' DESTINY - 5:9–11

3. THE CONFIDENCE WE HAVE BECAUSE WE ARE CHILDREN OF LIGHT - 9-10

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

“For” - *hoti* - because

⇒ Our APPOINTMENT is not “to wrath” - 9a

Zeph. 1:15; Rev. 6:16-17; 19:15; 1 Thess. 1:10; Rev. 3:10

⇒ Our ASSURANCE is based on the work of salvation 9-10

4. THE COMFORT WE SHOULD HAVE BECAUSE WE ARE CHILDREN OF LIGHT - 11

“Therefore” – *dio* – because of what you know to be true

- *Comfort of the rapture*
- *Comfort of promise of our rescue from wrath of God*

⇒ We should constantly ENCOURAGE one another “*encourage*” - *parakaleō* – Hebrews 10:24-25

⇒ We should constantly EDIFY one another “*build*” – *oikodomeit* - Eph. 4:16; 1 Cor. 8:1