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*Faith for  
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*&*

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**<sup>1</sup> Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup> For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.**

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**<sup>6</sup> So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.**

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# **Our Christian Hope: The Return of the Risen King**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11**

**Two Sections:**

**What Christ's return means for those who have died (4:13-18)**

**What Christ's return means for those who are still living (5:1-11)**

**Three Imperatives:**

- 1. Grieve with Hope**
- 2. Live Lives Anticipating His Return**
- 3. Encourage One Another**



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**1 Thessalonians 4:14-16**

**Cemetery:  
“sleeping place”**



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**Harpazo (Greek):** Seized, caught up, snatched away, or taken suddenly.

**Apantesis (Greek):** Technical term for reception of a newly arrived official.

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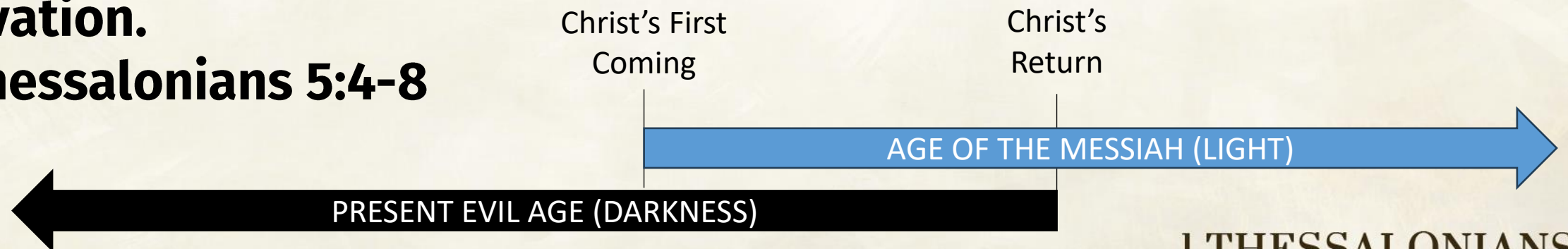
**1 Thessalonians 5:1-3**

**Like a thief  
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**1 Thessalonians 5:4-8**



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**...for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.**

**Ephesians 5:8**

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**1 Thessalonians 5:8-10**



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**23 For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 *For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.***

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**



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