

I THESSALONIANS

Be Encouraged, Do Not Fear, Get Your Armor On, Build Others Up I Thessalonians 5:8-11

BELIEVERS ARE NOT DESTINED FOR WRATH, BUT TO OBTAIN SALVATION

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 (NASB95)

[I Thessalonians 5:9-11 is the last part of a pericope from vss. 1-11 and tells us why believers need not fear the end times wrath of the tribulation and the day of the Lord.]



- I. YOU ARE NOT DESTINED FOR WRATH
- II. YOU WILL BE SAVED FROM WRATH
 - A. Jesus Will Come for You
 - B. Those Alive Will Be Raptured
 - C. Those Dead Will Be Raptured
 - D. All Believers Will Be With Him
- III. ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER
- IV. BUILD UP ONE ANOTHER

- I. In the first part of vs. 8 what one fact and exhortation is restated from the near preceding context (vss. 4-7)? What practical reason would Paul have for repeating these two things?
- II. In the latter part of vs. 8 the Apostle Paul compares the Roman soldier's armor to the need for believers to put on spiritual armor, just as he does in Eph. 6:13-17. What two pieces of spiritual armor are believers exhorted to put on and how do they help us have peace and comfort in the last days? (Keep in mind the context of the future judgments in the Day of the Lord.)
- III. Why is the first part of vs. 9 such an encouragement to believers?
 - A. What kind of wrath is being referred to in vs. 9?

- B. Why is the first part of vs. 9 such a comfort regardless of which view of the timing of the rapture is true?
 - C. What kind of salvation or deliverance for believers is being referred to in the latter part of vs. 9 and how does knowing this bring us comfort when considering the Day of the Lord?
- IV. In the beginning of vs. 10, how or by what means are we told that believers escape God's wrath?
- A. How does the middle and end of vs. 10 relate to I Thess. 4:13-18 and encourage us in relation to the Day of the Lord?
 - B. Though there are many views about the end times, what is the encouraging truth we know for certain in vss. 9 & 10?
 - C. Why does God give us encouraging and comforting truths in His Word? What do God's precious and magnificent promises (II Pet. 1:3-5) tell us about God?
- V. In vs. 11 those who know and who have been encouraged by the truth concerning believers and the Day of the Lord are to do what two things?
- A. Think back to last week or month. How have you been "encouraging one another" at Anchor Bible Church?
 - B. Think back to last week or month. How have you been "building up one another" at Anchor Bible Church?
 - C. Why is it important that believers encourage and build each other up as we approach the Day of the Lord?

Prayer Topics

1. Pray that as Anchor Bible Church proceeds into days of increasing evil that we will stay focused on the Word of God and find comfort from trusting the Lord and reminding ourselves of what is true.
2. Pray that we would all eagerly anticipate the "any moment" coming of Jesus Christ for His church and that the anticipation of seeing Jesus would motivate us to better live for His glory.
3. Pray that Anchor Bible Church, both collectively and individually, will be a light in a dark world and that many would come to know Christ through us.