

## I Thessalonians

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### **1 Thess 5:8-10**

(8) But since we (Church Age Believer Priests) are of the day, let us be sober (NEPHO – let us exercise self-control), having put on (note: volition is intrinsically involved to “put on”) the **breastplate of faith and love...**

- **Breastplate of faith** (PISTIS – that which is believed or metabolized Bible Doctrine circulating in your stream of consciousness)
- **and love** (AGAPE – a result of our spiritual life which is personal love for God). *Faith and love represent the first two columns of the spiritual advance for the believer (1 Thess 1:3).*

Personal love for God –

Father – Author of the Plan

Son – Imputed & Judged

Holy Spirit – Indwelling & Mentorship

Personal love for God launches unconditional love for fellow believers

- **Helmet, “the confident expectation of our deliverance”.**
  - Protects our thinking from fear, doubt, and worry.
  - A soul that is advancing in the spiritual life.
  - A soul born into a war – a spiritual war between God and Satan.

...and as a helmet, the hope (confident expectation) of salvation (deliverance).

✠ The Christian does not go through the “Day of the Lord”!

(9) For God has not destined us for wrath (poured out during the “Day of the Lord”), but for obtaining salvation (deliverance) through our Lord Jesus Christ,

(10) who died (as a substitute) for us, so that whether we are awake (living in time executing the plan of God) or asleep (physical death), we will live together with Him.

### **2 Thess 2:1-2**

(1) Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him,

Reference two events –

- Rapture – All Christians will meet Christ in the air.
- 2nd Advent – We will return with Christ to earth as He establishes His 1,000 reign.

(2) that you not be quickly shaken (caused to waiver) from your composure (thinking)...

- *A test is an opportunity to apply Bible doctrine.*
- *The Thessalonians will not be caused to waiver in their thinking!*

... or be disturbed (frightened) either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.

**POD** – A sound framework of God’s future time line (eschatological plan) protects the believer from worry, doubt and fear.

**POD** – A sound framework of God’s future time line also provides confidence in motivation to Carpe Occasio in light of Historical trends in the Church Age.

**Mat 24:5-7 Church Age Historical Trends**

(5) "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.

(6) "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.

(7) "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

**2 Thess 2:3-8**

(3) Let no one in any way deceive you, for it (“Day of the Lord”) will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

(4) who opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, displaying himself as being God.

- The man of lawlessness will take his seat in the temple as God and abolish the Jewish Temple sacrifices at the 3 ½ year mark of the Tribulation. This act is the breaking of the covenant he made with Israel which promised her peace and security in the Land.

**POD** – Abomination of Desolation is when the ruler of the Revived Roman Empire [10 nation western confederation] halts sacrifices and offerings in the rebuilt Jerusalem temple and demands that he be worshipped as God.

- 2 Thess 5:3-4
- Dan 9:27; 11:31
- Matt 24:9-15

(5) Do you not remember that while I was still with you, I was telling you these things?

(6) And you know what restrains him now, so that in his time he will be revealed.

(7) For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains will do so until he is taken out of the way.

(8) Then that lawless one will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath of His mouth and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming”

(9) that is, the one whose coming is in accord with the activity of Satan, with all power and signs and false wonders,

(10) and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.

(11) For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false,

**POD** – The Resurrection of the Church (or Rapture) is designed to be an encouragement to Christians for five reasons: (*from last class*)

1. We will no longer contend with our old sin natures (Rom 7:24-25a).
2. We will have victory over the “sting of death” (1 Cor 15:55-56).
3. We will be reunited with loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord (1 Thess 4:17).
4. From that moment on we will always be with the Lord (1 Thess 4:17).

5. We will be saved from the “Day of the Lord” (1 Thess 5:1-10).

**NEW** - 6. We will be taken out of the way along with God the Holy Spirit who permanently indwells us before the Tribulation begins.

- God the Holy Spirit is the Restraining One (2 Thess. 2:7).
- Once God the Holy Spirit is removed with the Church (Body of Christ) the man of lawlessness is at liberty to be revealed (2 Thess. 2:3-8)

## **Conclusion**

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### **1 Thess 4:18**

(18) Therefore [comfort one another](#) with these words.

### **1 Thess 5:11**

(11) Therefore [encourage one another](#) and [build up one another](#), just as you also are doing.

*All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.*