

## I Thessalonians

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### **1 Thess 5:1-11 (review)**

(1) Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.

(2) For you yourselves know full well...

- Because they received the Word with open arms (1 Thess 2:13).
- Because they had a willingness to learn.
- Because they had an attitude to take correction action under ELEGMOS.

...that the **day of the Lord** will come just like a thief in the night.

**Definition of “Day of the Lord”** – A fixed period of time where the Lord deals with mankind in executing judgment, establishing His reign and blessing His earthly people through fulfilling His four unconditional covenants made to regenerate Israel.

(3) While they are saying, "Peace and safety!"...

- A mindset during the first half of the Tribulation.

...then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Tribulation is marked by war and destruction.
- There is no chance of finding safety whatsoever!

(4) But (**contrast** those deceived with those not deceived) you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief;

(5) for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness (**contrast!**);

(6) so then let us not sleep as others do (the unregenerate), but let us be alert and sober.

- Exhortation to believers.
- Maintain situational awareness and exercise self-control in the spiritual advance.

(7) For those who sleep do their sleeping at night and those who get drunk get drunk at night.

(8) But since we are of the day, let us be sober (maintain self-control), having put on the **breastplate of faith and love**, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.

- **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 spiritual advance for the believer (1 Thess 1:3).*
- **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.

(9) For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation (deliverance) through our Lord Jesus Christ,

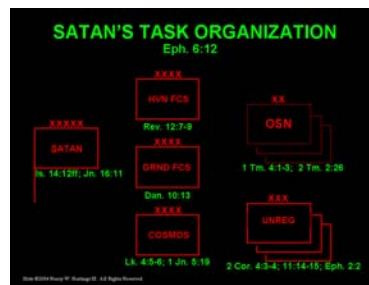
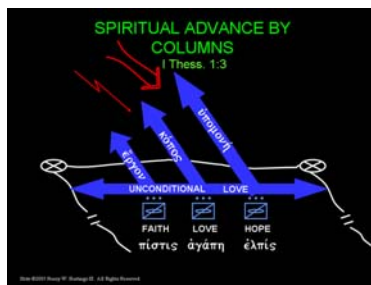
- We have comfort in knowing that, as Church Age believers, we will not go through the Tribulation.

(10) who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

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

- “Keep on encouraging one another” in light of combat and,
- “Keep on building up one another” HEIS TON HENA – “one the other”
- Your spiritual gift is not given to build up yourself, but to build up the church.

### Class slides



“...having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the *confident expectation of deliverance*” (1 Thess. 5:8).



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