

# 1 Thessalonians

## Lesson #15, Chapter 5:1-11

Ask the Lord for His help and insight as you study His Word.

1. Define *times* [Strong's #5550].
  - a. Define *epochs* [Strong's #2540 (ESV, NKJV *seasons*; NIV *dates*)].
2. What span of time is Paul discussing in this section (verse 2)?
3. What 2 groups of people are addressed in this passage (verses 1-11)?
4. List what you learn about those 2 groups from verses 1-11.
5. What do you learn about *the Day of the Lord* from the following verses: Ezekiel 30:3; Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11; 3:14; Zephaniah 1:14; Zechariah 14:4-5; Malachi 4:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:2-4; 2 Peter 3:10?
6. What metaphor does Paul use in verses 4-8?

7. To further clarify this section, try writing out verses 4-8 using its opposite. For example, verse 4 says, "For you, brethren, are not in darkness." The opposite would state: "For you, brethren, are in light."
  
8. What does Paul want believers to understand and apply to their lives from verses 4-8?
  
9. From verse 6, define *alert* [Strong's #1127 (ESV *awake*; NKJV *watch*)].
  - a. Define *sober* [Strong's #3525 (NIV *self-controlled*)].
  
10. What do you learn about the word *watch/alert* from some of the other places it's used in the Bible? See Matthew 26:40; Mark 13:35-37; 1 Corinthians 16:13; Colossians 4:2; Revelation 3:2-3.
  
11. The definition for *sober* can also be rounded out by observing how it is used in other verses: 1 Thessalonians 5:8; 2 Timothy 4:5; 1 Peter 1:13; 4:7; 5:8. What do you learn?
  
12. How does being alert and sober stand in stark contrast with those who sleep and are of the dark?

13. Just in case you got lost in all that talk of night and day, sleep and awake, Paul reminds us of our true state in verse 8. What is it?
  
14. How are we to respond to that truth (verse 8)?
  
15. Why are we to make sure we have faith, love, and hope of salvation (verses 9-10)?
  
16. Contrary to what many say today, where does salvation come from and by what means (verses 9-10)? See also 2 Corinthians 5:15; Galatians 1:4; 2:20; 3:13; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 John 2:2; 4:10.
  
17. After answering the above questions, consider: how does Christ's death and our salvation exempt us from the wrath to come?
  
18. What are you trusting in for your salvation? Do you have the assurance that you are not destined for wrath?
  
19. How are the Thessalonians to respond to the teaching Paul has just given them (verse 11)?

