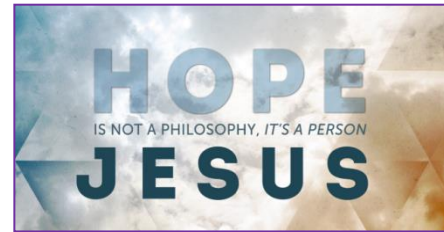




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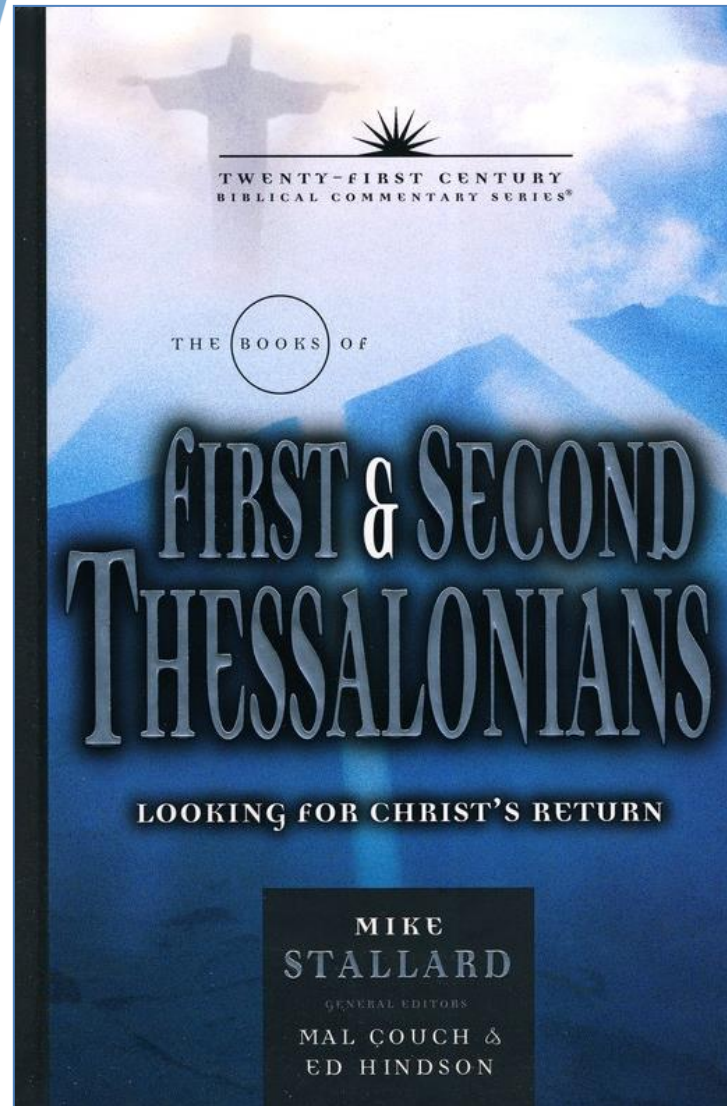
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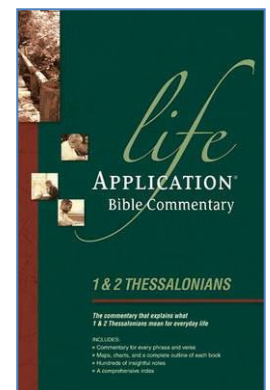
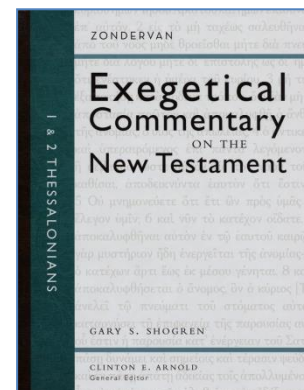
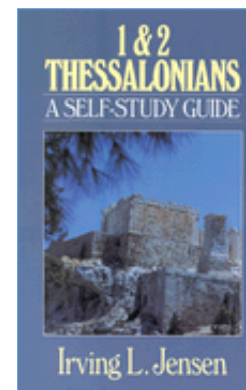
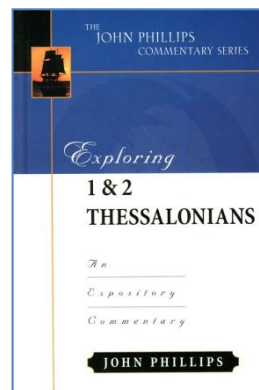
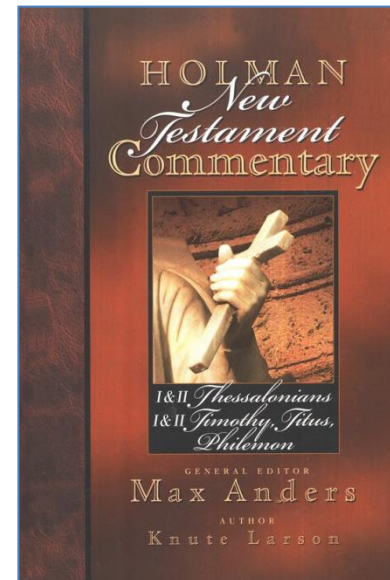
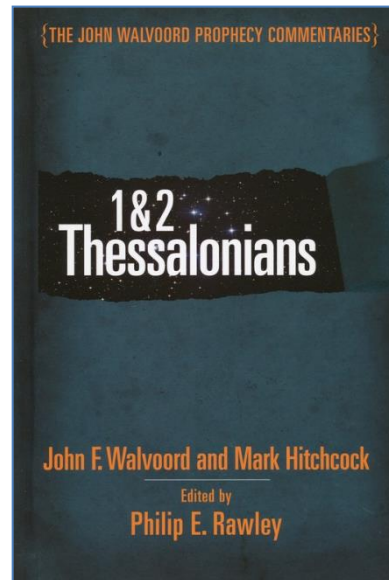


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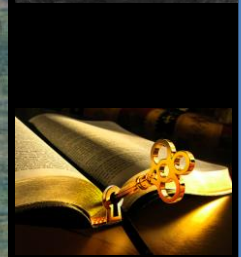
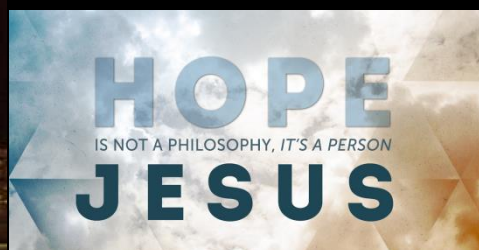
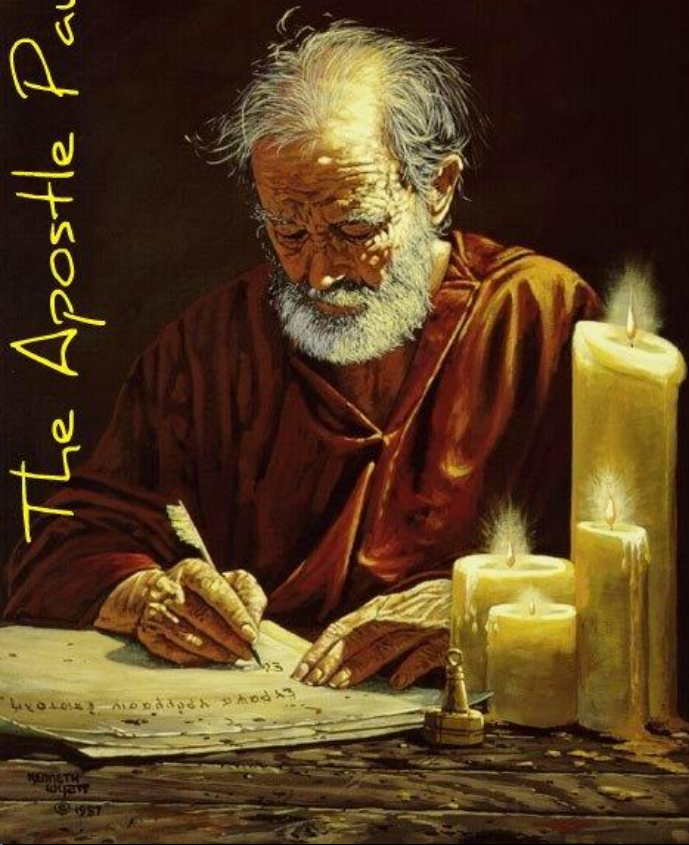




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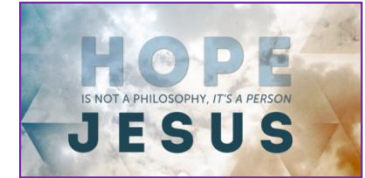


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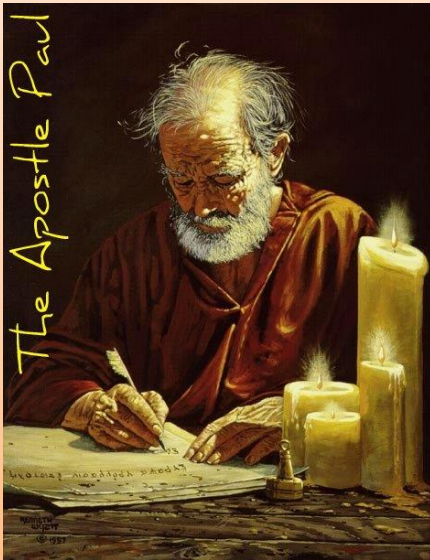
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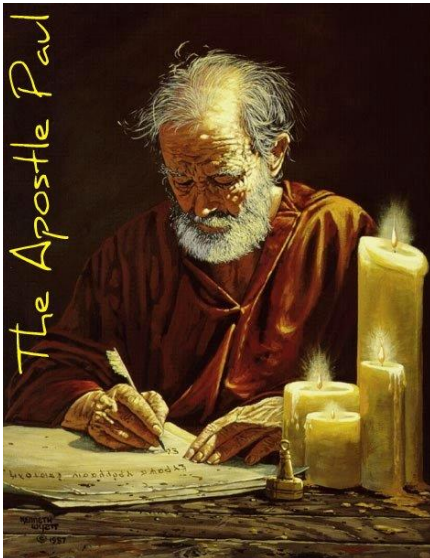
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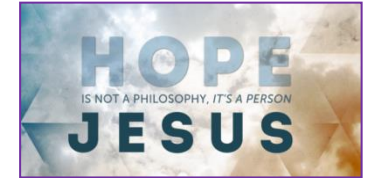
Paul reminds believers that we are exempt from persecution in that future day of the Lord's wrath - the Great Tribulation period; a time that will overtake the world like a thief in the night. Paul warns all believers to not be caught off guard - to not be found sleeping. Paul instructs us to watch and be sober, to comfort and edify one another with the assurance that our salvation is through the Lord Jesus Christ.



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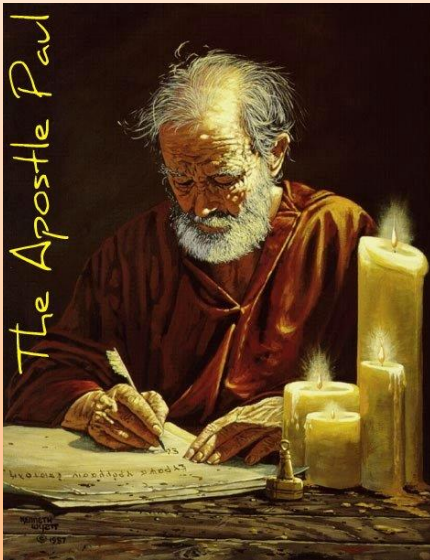
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Day of the Lord - 1 Thessalonians 5:1 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3... NKJV

• Day of the Lord - Times and Seasons

• INTRODUCTION

- The **Bible** predicts a **time** of **severe judgment** on **planet Earth** prior to **Christ's coming** to **set up His Kingdoms** - old Earth and new Earth.
- The **Old Testament prophets** were **distinct** in **their predictions** of just such a **time**.
- Most of the **book** of Revelation is given over to a **description** of that **future time** when **God** will **send His** wrath upon the **Earth before** the **2nd coming** of the **Lord Jesus Christ** (Revelation 6-19).
- Here in 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 **Paul** presents a **picture** of the **Day** of the **Lord** and explains the **relationship** of **believers** in the **church age** to **that time**.

IS THERE HOPE FOR AMERICA?

Our only hope for America is found in King Jesus.

There is no hope in Republicans.

There is no hope in Democrats.

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--- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3... NKJV

• Day of the Lord - Times and Seasons

• BUT CONCERNING THE TIMES AND THE SEASONS

- This **phrase** marks off this **new section** of **thought**.
- **Paul** notes that **he did not need** to **write** anything to **them** about "the TIMES and the SEASONS".

- **TIMES** (*chronos*) make reference to chronological time according to the clock or the calendar.
- **SEASONS** (*kairos*) focus on events in various seasons.

- Used together the **two words** are a **common formula** for the **end-time days** (Acts 1:7).
- The **Thessalonian believers** were very much **aware** of what **Paul** had **taught them**, and **his teachings** included **end-times** (*eschatological*) **events**.

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• Day of the Lord - Times and Seasons

• TIMES AND SEASONS

"The **FIRST** designates time in its **duration**, whether a **longer** or **shorter period**; the **SECOND** draws attention to the **characteristics** of the **period**. The **FIRST** deals with the **measurement of time**, the **SECOND** with the **suitable** or **critical nature of the time**."

--- Edmond Hiebert

- **Jesus instructs His disciples** that **they** are **not to know** the **TIMES** or **SEASONS** for **His return** ... Acts 1:6-7; Mark 13:32

⁶ Therefore, when **they** had **come together**, **they** asked **Him**, saying, "**Lord**, will **You** at **this time** restore the **kingdom** to **Israel**?" ⁷ And **He** said to **them**, "It is **not** for **you** to know **TIMES** or **SEASONS** which the **Father** has **put** in **His own authority**. --- Acts 1:6-7 ... NKJV

³² "But of **that day** and **hour** no **one** knows, **not even** the **angels** in **heaven**, nor the **Son**, but **only** the **Father**."

--- Mark 13:32 ... NKJV

Day of the Lord - 1 Thessalonians 5:2 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3... NKJV

• Day of the Lord - Thief in the Night

• THE DAY OF THE LORD SO COMES

- The **Thessalonian believers** **knew** full well or **precisely** what the **Day** of the **Lord** **was all about**.
- By using the **phrase** THE DAY OF THE LORD, **Paul** is **referencing** a familiar **Old Testament** theme.

- The **DAY OF THE LORD** is a **time** when **God intervenes** in **history** to **judge His enemies**, **deliver His people**, and **establish His** kingdoms - on the old and new earths.
- From the **OT** **two major tracks** of **identification** **emerge** for the **meaning** of the **term** THE DAY OF THE LORD.
 1. It sometimes refers to an **EVENT** such as when **Christ** sets **His** feet on the **Mount of Olives** in **Jerusalem** (Zechariah 14:1-19)
 2. Other times it is used to express a **PERIOD OF TIME** where **God** **judges throughout** (Joel 2:1-16).

DAY OF THE LORD

Post-tribulationists: an event - the 2nd Coming

Pre-tribulationists: a period of time - 70th week

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- **Day of the Lord - Thief in the Night**
 - **THE DAY OF THE LORD**

#	SCRIPTURE	TEXT
1	Amos 5:18-20	"... <i>Is not the DAY OF THE LORD darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it?</i> "
2	Zephaniah 1:14-18	"... The great DAY OF THE LORD <i>is</i> near; ... That day <i>is</i> a DAY OF WRATH ,..."
3	Joel 2:1-16	"... Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the DAY OF THE LORD is coming, For it is at hand: ..."
4	Matthew 24:21-22	"For then there will be GREAT TRIBULATION , such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be..."
5	Jeremiah 30:7	Alas! For THAT DAY <i>is</i> great, So that none <i>is</i> like it; And it <i>is</i> the TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE , But he shall be saved out of it.
6	Malachi 4:1	"For behold, THE DAY is coming, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And THE DAY which is coming shall burn them up," ...
7	Isaiah 13:9-13	"Behold, the day of the Lord comes, Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, To lay the land desolate; And He will destroy its sinners from it. ..."

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--- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3... NKJV

• Day of the Lord - Thief in the Night

• AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT

- The **Thessalonians knew**, and had **been taught**, that **they couldn't know the day of Jesus' return**.
- That **day** would **remain unknown**, and **come as a surprise**, **AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT**. A **thief** does not **announce** the **exact time** of **his arrival**.

- The **main idea** that **Paul** wanted to **stress** is that **THE DAY OF THE LORD** will **come suddenly** on an **unsuspecting world**. **He** uses **two illustrations** to make **his claim**.

1. It will come as A THIEF IN THE NIGHT (5:2,4)

2. It will come like BIRTH PAINS UPON A PREGNANT WOMAN (5:3)

- **Paul** certainly was not **one** to **set dates** in regard to **prophecy**, and **Jesus forbade setting dates** when **He** said of that **day** and **hour** no **one knows** (Matthew 24:36).
- **God** wants **this day** to be **unexpected**, but **He expects** **His people** to be **prepared** for the **unexpected**.

Day of the Lord - 1 Thessalonians 5:3 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3... NKJV

• Day of the Lord - Peace and Safety

• DESTRUCTION

- Not physical annihilation
- Eternal separation from God ... 2 Thessalonians 1:9
- Opposite of salvation awaiting believers
- Note both are sudden

9 **These** shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,
--- 2 Thessalonians 1:9

Day of the Lord - 1 Thessalonians 5:3 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3... NKJV

• Day of the Lord - Peace and Safety

• AS LABOR PAINS UPON A PREGNANT WOMAN

- The phrase **LABOR PAINS** suggest both **inevitability** and **unexpectedness**.

- **Jesus** used the **same idea** in Matthew 24:8, when **He spoke** of **calamities preceding** the **end times** as the **beginning of sorrows**, which is **literally** the **beginning of LABOR PAINS**.
- The **idea** is both of **giving birth** to a **new age**, and **implying** an **increase** of **intensity** and **frequency** in these **calamities**.

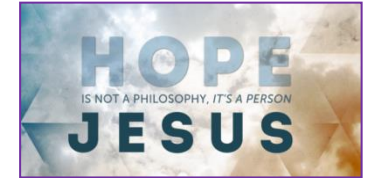
• BIRTH PAINS

- NT: Matthew 24:8; Mark 13:8;
- OT: Isaiah 13:8-9; Jeremiah 4:31; Hosea 13:13; Micah 4:9.

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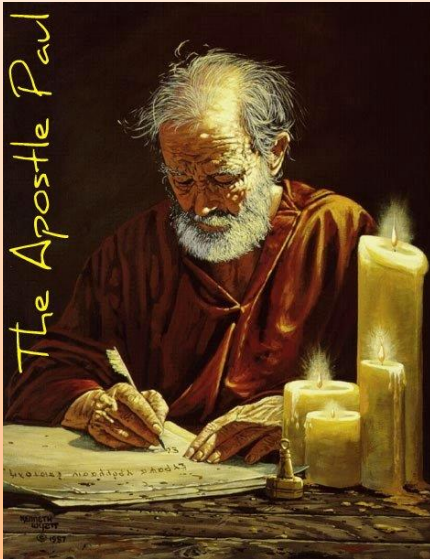
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Sleep Not - 1 Thessalonians 5:4 - OBSERVATIONS

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⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

--- 1 Thessalonians 5:4-7... NKJV

• Sleep Not - Sons of Light

• BUT YOU, BRETHREN, ARE NOT IN DARKNESS

- After **reminding** the **Thessalonian believers** that ..
- **They** and **their deceased loved-ones** will be **CAUGHT UP** to be with **Jesus** (chapter 4).
- This **event** would be **followed** by the **Day of the Lord**

- **Great Tribulation** - Matthew 24 (Olivet Discourse), Daniel 12
- **Time of Jacob's trouble** - Jeremiah 30

• Here **Paul reminds** the **believers** are **not in darkness**

- **They** are **waiting** with the **patience** of **hope**
- **They** are **waiting** with **expectancy** for **Christ's return**
- Therefore the **Day** will **not overcome them**

• OVERTAKE YOU AS A THIEF

- **Idiom** to **capture** the **element** of **surprise**
- **Thieves** do not **announce when** they will **strike**
- **Waiting** and **watching believers** will **not be surprised**

Sleep Not - 1 Thessalonians 5:4 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- 1 Thessalonians 5:4-7... NKJV

• Sleep Not - Sons of Light

• OVERTAKE YOU AS A THIEF

- In **some respect**, the **coming** of **Jesus** will be a **surprise** for **everybody**, because **no one** knows **the day or the hour** (Matthew 24:36).

• **Beware of date setters** - *no matter how convincing!*

• Specific Predicted dates in History

- Joachim of Flores-1260.
- Miltz of Kromeriz-1365.
- Joseph Mede-1660.
- John Napier-the famed mathematician-1688.
- Pierre Jurieu of France, 1689.
- William Whitson-1715, 1734, 1866.
- J. A. Bengal-1836.
- Joseph Worlf-1847.
- William Miller-1843, 1844.
- C. T. Russell-1874.
- E. C. Wisenants "88 reasons for 1988".
- Harold Camping-May 21, 2011 (Rapture)
- Mayan Calendar-2012

No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

Mark 13:32



Sleep Not - 1 Thessalonians 5:5 - OBSERVATIONS

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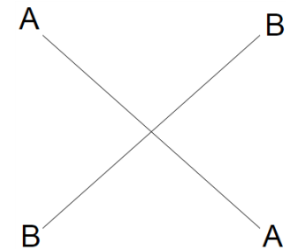
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• SONS OF LIGHT AND SONS OF THE DAY

- Paul contrasts the sons of light and sons of the day with the night and darkness in chiastic form.

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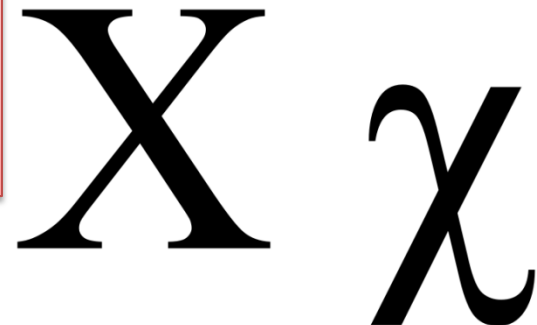


chi·as·mus

[kī-'az-məs]

Chiasmus is a rhetorical device in which two or more clauses are balanced against each other by the reversal of their structures in order to produce an artistic effect.

Chiasmus represented as an "X" structure. When read left to right, top to bottom, the first topic (A) is reiterated as the last, and the middle concept (B) appears twice in succession.



Sleep Not - 1 Thessalonians 5:6-7 - OBSERVATIONS

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--- 1 Thessalonians 5:4-7... NKJV

• Sleep Not - Watch And Be Sober

• THEREFORE LET US NOT SLEEP

- Because **we** do not **belong** to the **night** nor of **darkness** (1 Thessalonians 5:5), **our spiritual condition** should never be **marked** by **sleep**.
- **Spiritually** speaking, **we** need to be **active** and **aware**, to **watch** and **be sober**.
- **Paul** used a **different word** here than for the **sleep** of **death** mentioned in 1 Thessalonians 4:13.

- The **word sleep** is used **metaphorically** to **denote** **indifference** to **spiritual realities** on the **part** of **believers**.
 - It covers all **sorts** of **moral** and **spiritual laxity** or **insensibility**.
- It is a **different word** than that used in 4:13-15 for the **sleep of death**.

5:6-7 *Katheudō* [kā-thyü'-dō] - yield to sloth and sin
4:13-15 ... *Koimaō* [koi-mä'-ō] - to die

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• Sleep Not - Watch And Be Sober

• THEREFORE LET US NOT SLEEP

• Notice the **contrasts between**

- **AWAKE** (not Sleep) and **SLEEP**
- **LIGHT** and **DARKNESS**
- **SOBER** and **DRUNK**

- The **opposite** of **SPIRITUAL WATCHFULNESS** is **SPIRITUAL SLEEP**.
- The **opposite** of **SPIRITUAL SOBRIETY** is to be **SPIRITUALLY DRUNK**.
- As **Christians we** are of **the day**, and so we **must watch** and **be sober**.

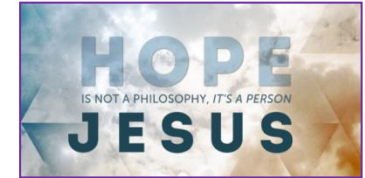
• SOBER

- Does **not mean humorless**.
- The notion is **someone** who **knows** the **proper value** of **things**, and therefore **doesn't get too excited** about the **things** of this **world**.
- The **person** who **lives their life** for **fun** and **entertainment** would **not be considered SOBER**.

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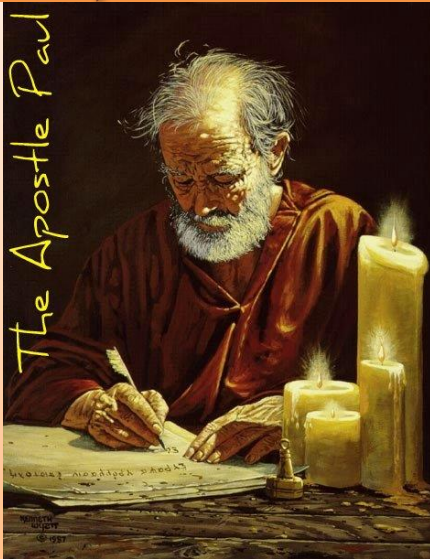
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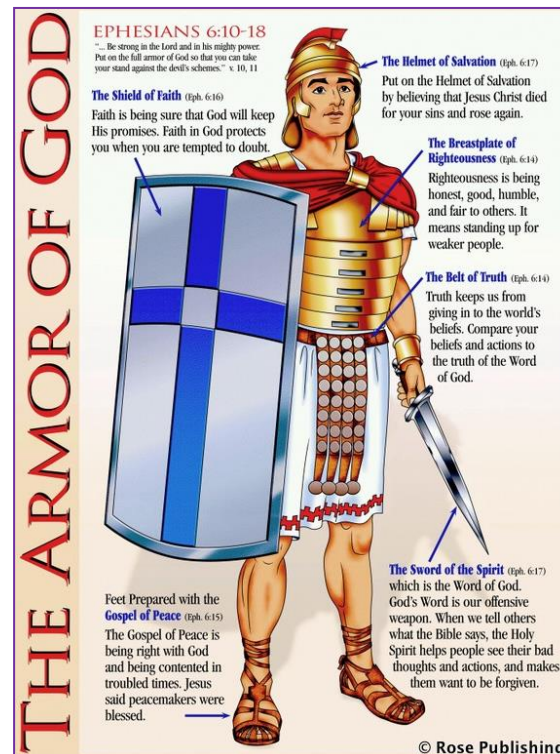
Not Appointed for Wrath - 1 Thessalonians 5:8 - OBSERVATIONS

⁸ But let **us who** are of the **day** be **sober**, putting on the **breastplate of faith and love**, and **as** a **helmet** the **hope of salvation**.

⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

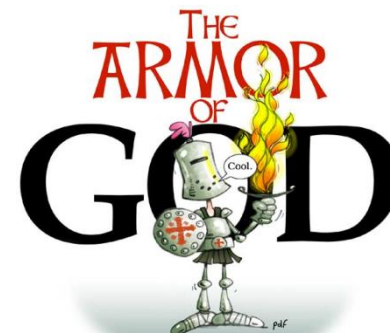
--- 1 Thessalonians 5:8-11... NKJV

- **Not Appointed for Wrath** - Faith, Love, and Hope
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 - **Paul** used the **images** of a **soldier's armor** to **illustrate** the **idea of watchfulness**.
 - A **soldier** is a **good example** of **someone who** must **watch** and **be sober**, and **he** is **equipped** to do that with **his armor**.



Compare with Ephesians 6 - not an exact correlation.

This **indicates** that **Paul** saw the **idea of spiritual armor** as a **helpful picture**, not **something rigid** in its **particular details**.



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 - One of **Paul's favorite triplets** - **FAITH**, **LOVE** and **HOPE**
 - **FAITH** and **LOVE** are **represented** by the **BREASTPLATE** because the **BREASTPLATE** covers the **vital organs**.
 - No **solider** would ever go to **battle** without **his BREASTPLATE**, and no **Christian** is **equipped to live** the **Christian life** without **FAITH** and **LOVE**.
 - The **HOPE** of **salvation** is represented as a **HELMET**, because the **HELMET** protects the **head**, which is just as **essential** as the **BREASTPLATE**.
 - **HOPE** does not mean **wishful thinking**, but a **confident expectation** of **God's hand** in the **future**.

⁶ Be **anxious** for **nothing**, but in **everything** by **prayer** and **supplication**, with **thanksgiving**, let **your requests** be **made known** to **God**; ⁷ and the **peace** of **God**, which **surpasses** all **understanding**, will **guard your HEARTS** and **MINDS** through **Christ Jesus**. --- Philippians 4:6-7 ... NKJV

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• Not Appointed for Wrath - Salvation through Christ

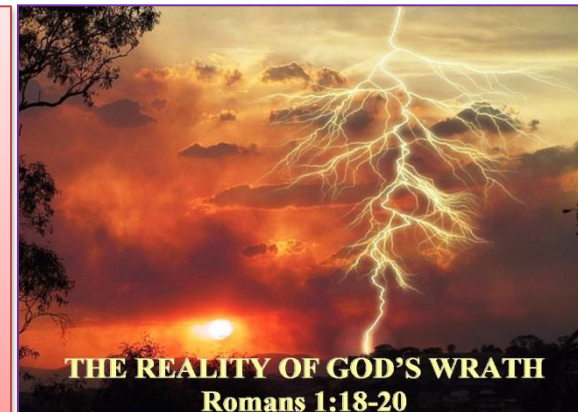
• FOR GOD DID NOT APPOINT US TO WRATH

- Before we had the hope of salvation (1 Thessalonians 5:8), we had an APPOINTMENT TO WRATH. We no longer have an APPOINTMENT TO WRATH, but now to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

• WRATH

- Paul is referring to the wrath of God. We are saved from the world, the flesh, and the devil.
- First and foremost, we are rescued from the wrath of God, the wrath that we deserve. Paul's whole context here is the believer's rescue from the wrath of God.

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,



THE REALITY OF GOD'S WRATH
Romans 1:18-20

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• Not Appointed for Wrath - Salvation through Christ

• APPOINT

- Our APPOINTMENT TO WRATH was appointed in TWO WAYS.

1. Because of what Adam did to us and the whole human race we are APPOINTED TO WRATH (Romans 5:14-19).

2. Because of our own sin we are APPOINTED TO WRATH.

When Jesus died on the cross, He stood in our place in our APPOINTMENT TO WRATH, and reschedules us with an APPOINTMENT TO OBTAIN SALVATION.

Christ secured our salvation ... All three tenses

PAST: JUSTIFICATION - Saved from the PENALTY of Sin

PRESENT: SANCTIFICATION - Saved from the POWER of Sin

FUTURE: GLORIFICATION - Saved from the PRESENCE of Sin

¹⁸ Therefore, as through one man's offense *judgment came* to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act *the free gift came* to all men, resulting in justification of life. ¹⁹ For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. -- Romans 5:18-19 ... NKJV

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• Not Appointed for Wrath - Salvation through Christ

• APPOINT versus OBTAIN

- APPOINT emphasizes God's sovereignty,
- OBTAIN is a word that emphasizes effort.
- Our salvation was obtained through the efforts of our Lord Jesus Christ - NOT our own efforts!
- Our salvation is by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

-- Ephesians 2:8-10 ... NKJV

- Apart from Christ you are appointed to wrath - the wrath of Almighty God (John 3:17)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸ "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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• Not Appointed for Wrath - Salvation Through Christ

• WHO DIED FOR US

- **Jesus died** in **our place**. Not simply that **Jesus** died for **us** in the sense as a **favor** for **us**; but that **He died** as a **substitute** for **us**.
- Having **obtained salvation through our Lord Jesus**, **we** will **always live together with Him**. The **promise** of **unity** with **Jesus** **can't be broken**; no **matter** if **we live** or **die** (wake or sleep), **we** will **always be with Him**. (Romans 8:38-39)

³⁸ For **I** am **persuaded** that **neither death** nor **life**, nor **angels** nor **principalities** nor **powers**, nor **things present** nor **things to come**, ³⁹ nor **height** nor **depth**, nor **any other created thing**, shall be **able** to **separate us** from the **love** of **God** which **is in Christ Jesus our Lord**.

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• Not Appointed for Wrath - Comfort and Edify

• THEREFORE COMFORT EACH OTHER

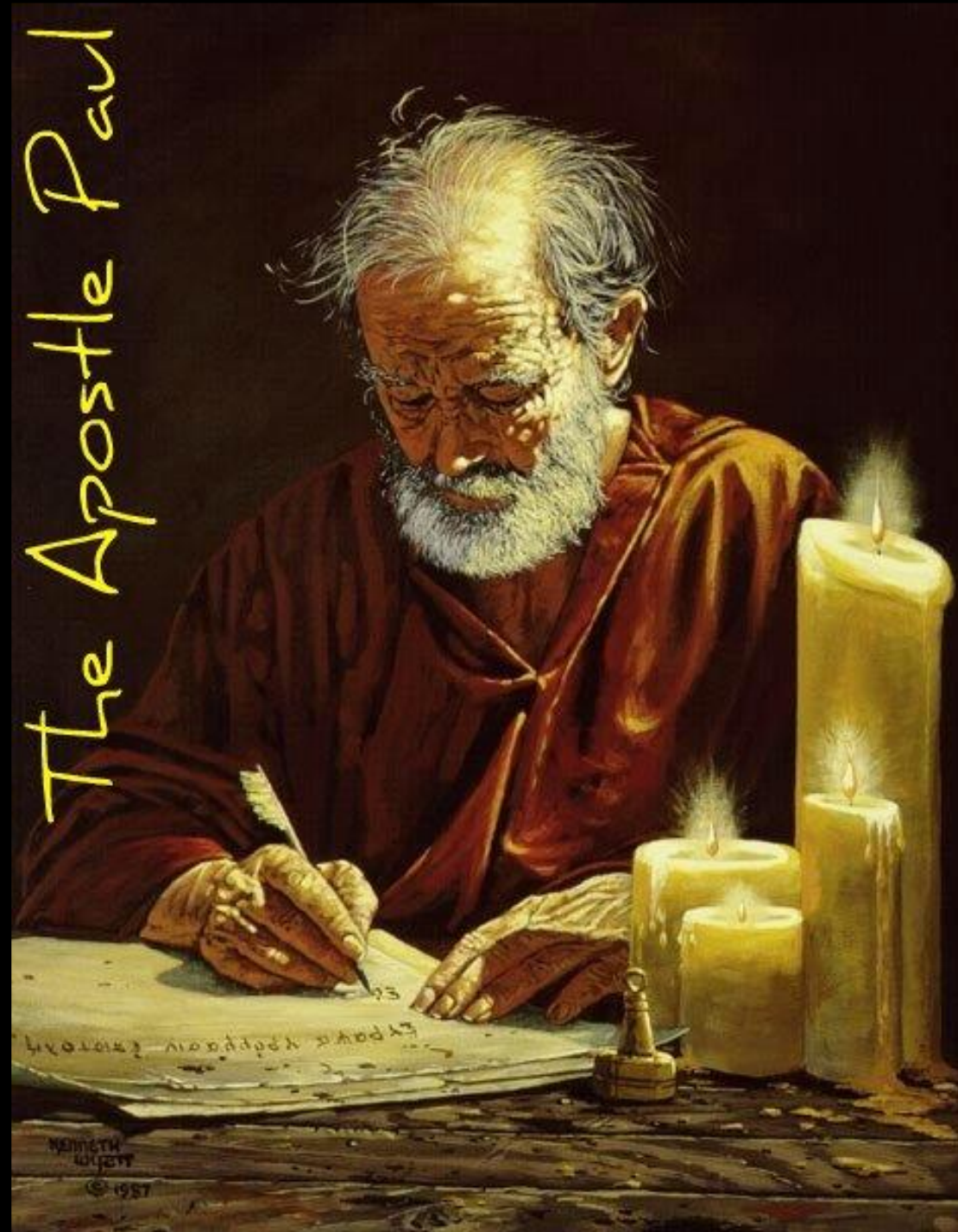
- **Paul** again tells **us** not to **TAKE comfort**, but to **GIVE comfort**.
- If all **Christians** have a **heart** to **comfort each other**, then **all will be comforted**.

• AND EDIFY ONE ANOTHER

- To **EDIFY** means to **build up**.
- When **we** have **our first interest** in **building up other Christians**, then **God** will **edify us**.
- The **idea** is of a **church full** of **active participants**, not **passive spectators**.

• JUST AS YOU ALSO ARE DOING

- It wasn't that there was **no comfort among** the **Thessalonians**, or as if **no one** was **edified**.
- But **they** had to **continue** to **do it**, and to **do it more** and **more**.



The Apostle Paul

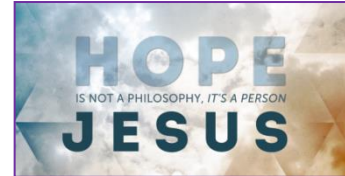
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