

IMITATORS & EXAMPLES

A Series in 1 Thessalonians



Scripture Reading:

1 THESSALONIANS

5:1 – 11



Not wearing
pants is
safe and
secure until
it isn't



**THOSE ALIVE IN CHRIST MUST
ALSO BE AWAKE IN HIM**

**ANYONE WHO IS READY
FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD
IS READY FOR ANYTHING.**

THE DAY OF THE LORD

Acts 2:20, 1 Cor 1:8, 5:5, 2 Cor 1:14, 1
Thess 5:2, 2 Thess 2:2, 2 Peter 3:10

2 Peter 3:8 – 15

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief...

...The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. **Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God** and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat...

But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, **the home of righteousness**. So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation..."

Anyone **alive** in Christ must also
be **awake** in him.

Anyone who is ready for the Day
of the Lord is ready for anything.

1. THE DAY OF THE LORD IS A WHAT BEFORE A WHEN

1 Thessalonians 5:1 – 5

Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

**"Like a thief
in the night."**



- Happens all at once

- When it happens it's too late to prepare

not this

this

"Like a thief **in the night**."



An environment
when you'll
naturally be doing
something other
than being ready
and watching

1 Thessalonians 5:4 – 5

But you, brothers, are not in **darkness** so that this day should **surprise you like a thief**. You are all sons of the **light** and sons of the **day**. We do not belong to the **night** or to the **darkness**.

The issue is what **prevents being surprised**.

Gospel Light

Faith:

- Repentance
- Justification
- Regeneration
- Holy Spirit
- Baptism

Love:

- Sanctification
- Mind of Christ
- Will of God
- Godliness

Hope:

- Day of Lord
- Glorification
- With God
- Home of righteousness

2. WE SHOULD LIVE EVERYDAY IN VIGILANCE

1 Thessalonians 5:6 – 11

So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

EVERYDAY VIGILANCE

Awake - alert and paying attention

Sober - clear minded, perceptual acuteness

Substance, Ch 10

ARMOR OF ALERTNESS

Breastplate - Faith and Love

Helmet - Salvation

(Sword - word of "edification")

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ALSO BE AWAKE IN HIM**

**ANYONE WHO IS READY
FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD
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Preparing for the Day of the Lord is the
needed mindset for this day that is the Lord's.



Why think about the
"Day of the Lord"?

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