
SERMON OUTLINE

Living wide awake

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

- I. Unbelievers will be unprepared when Jesus comes in the rapture and God's judgments begin (1 Thessalonians 5:1-3).
 - A. Like a thief – Christ's return is certain, but the date is unknown (5:1-2).
 - The "Day of the Lord" includes many prophecies of God's judgments after the church is raptured.
 - B. Like labor pains – Unbelievers will be focused on peace and safety when judgment starts (5:3).
- II. Believers in Christ must live prepared for Christ's return (1 Thessalonians 5:4-11).
 - A. We must be alert unlike the sleeping, drunk world since we know Christ will return (5:4-7).
 - B. We must live self-controlled godly lives (5:8).
 - *Faith* = Trusting God
 - *Love* = Showing grace to one another
 - *Hope* = Living confidently
 - C. We know we will not be judged (5:9-11).
 1. We will be delivered from God's wrath (9; 1:10).
 2. Christ died for us so we know we will live with him either raised or raptured (10; 1 Peter 2:24).
 - You can know you have eternal life (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9)!
 3. We must focus on encouraging and building each other up spiritually (11).