

1 Thessalonians 11 - (5:4-11)

Children of the Day

1. 5:4-5 – Day and Night

- a. Them vs. Ye – Ask, “who is audience?” 5:3 vs 5:4
- b. They shall not escape = unbelieving world – 2 Thess 1:8
- c. Darkness and Light – ignorance, understanding, truth - Eph 4:18
- d. Children of disobedience (darkness) to whom wrath comes - Eph 5:6-13
- e. Also, darkness of night – Luke 21:28; Mat 24:42; 2 Peter 3:3-4
- f. Children of light - Positional truth - Gal 2:20, Rom 6:11, 1 Cor 6:11
- g. Day and Night – (time elements)
 - i. **Night** = day of the Lord; coming wrath, fulfillment of prophecy
 - ii. “flee from the wrath to come” – Mat 3:7
 - iii. 5:1-3 – They are in the night, they need the times and seasons
 - iv. **Day** = grace, salvation, light – John 9:4-5, 12:35; 2 Cor 6:1-2 5:5
 - v. To declare at this time – Rom 3:26
 - vi. Children of the Day – are not in darkness or night

2. 5:6-8 – Watch and Be Sober

- a. 5:6 – “let us watch and be sober”
- b. 5:7 - What happens during the night? Sleep and drunkenness
- c. Jesus describes what to do during the night:
 - i. “thief in the night” – description of the night - Mat 24:37-38
 - ii. Those that sleep are not drunk – they need to be ready
 - iii. The good and evil servants - Mat 24:42-51
 - iv. Jesus’ prophetic coming is salvation but also dreadful – Mk 13:13
 - v. Watch and pray, for they knew not when - Mk 13:33-37
 - vi. The wise virgins: kept oil in the lamps and knew the Lord – Mat 25
 - vii. The talents: one man is cast into outer darkness! - Mat 25:13-30
 - viii. Sell all and keep your lights burning - Luke 12:33-37
 - ix. Watch that you may be counted worthy - Luke 21:35-36
- d. 5:8 – BUT... ye are not of the night!
 - i. What happens during the day? – Be awake and work- Eph 5:14
 - ii. Paul says, “Wake up!” because it is daytime! There is work to do.
 - iii. We do not fear an unexpected return; we welcome it – 4:17
 - iv. We have the hope of salvation, we are delivered from wrath - 1:10

3. 5:9-11 – Present possession of salvation

- a. When are your sins blotted out? - Acts 3:19 vs Rom 5:11
- b. Receive soul salvation at the coming - 1 Peter 1:9
- c. Our “eternal security” is not a result of sovereignty but of Christ’s work
- d. We are baptized into Christ and reap the gift – Rom 6:23
- e. 5:9 – we do not have the appointment to wrath → Mat 24:21
- f. “to obtain salvation” - Rom 8:23, 3:11
- g. 5:10 – Whether we wake or sleep, we live with the Lord.
- h. 5:11 - Comfort and edify – Through our meeting in the air - 4:18