**1 Thessalonians 5**

Chapter five is a continuation of Chapter 4. There is hope for us, the church, in the end. The standard of living right/obedience is not in vain.

As you read the following verses notice how Paul alternates carefully the pronouns “*those,” and “ye”* (KJV)

5:1-4 The Model Walk and the Day of the Lord

Paul knew it was not necessary that he write about times and seasons. This day would come as a thief in the night. The Thessalonians were taught and was familiar the signs.

***Joel 1:15- Alas for the day! For the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.***

The term *“day of the Lord”* is that period of time when the Lord openly intervenes in mankind’s affairs. When mankind’s day has come to an end (man’s judgment of:

***1 Corinthians 4:3- But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you or of man’s judgment: yea,, I judge not mine own self.***

It will be inaugurated with the rapture of the Church.

This is what we look forward to as we continue in obedience to our Lord:

***I Corinthians 15:50- Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit he kingdom of God neither doth corruption inherit incoruption.***

***51. Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,***

***52. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.***

***53. For this corruptible must put on incoruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.***

***54. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruptible, and the mortal shall have put on immortality then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.***

***55. O death where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?***

***56. The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.***

***57. But thanks be to God, which giveth us he victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ***

***58. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.***

Paul put emphasis on the words of Jesus mentioned in the gospels. As all the disciples, they looked forward to the fulfillment of Jesus’s teachings. His teachings were their hope:

***Matthew 24:42- Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come***

***43. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his home to be broken up.***

***44. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.***

***Mark 13:32- But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.***

***33. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.***

Because of truth in these scriptures, Paul reminds us how we ought to live. **“But of that day…knoweth no man….**Nothing can be said about the time of the *Second Coming.*

Times (*chronon,* length of time) reflects the chronological period which are to elapse before the Second Coming; whereas seasons (*kairon,* is the time or quality of time) refers to the significant events, the pregnant opportunities that transpire during these distinctive features leading to the main event.

***Acts 1:6- When hey therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom of Israel?***

***7. And He said unto them, it is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power.***

As we live in expectancy we are to:

* Watch and be sober (6)
* Put on breastplate of faith and love. Wear the helmet of hope and salvation (8)
* Walk in peace (9)
* Comfort and edify one another (11)
* Know them which labor among you (12)
* Esteem those which labor in ministry. Be at peace among yourselves. Warn the unruly; Comfort the feeble minded (13)
* Support the weak (14)
* Be patient towards ALL men (14)
* Don’t render evil for evil; but always follow that which is good, both among yourselves and ALL men (15)
* Rejoice evermore (16)
* In EVERYTHING give thanks (18)
* Quench not the Spirit (19). Quench: to go out; extinguish
* Don’t despise prophesying (20) (***1 Corinthians 14:29-Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.)***.
* Prove all things (prove: Greek *dok -im-ad’-so)* examine, try, discern). Holdfast to that which is good. (21)
* Abstain from all appearance of evil (22)

***1 Thessalonians 5:23- And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

The prayer Paul prays in this verse (23) is:

I. To *the very God of peace.* He is the God of grace, peace and love. He is the author of peace. Peace and unity is what Paul prays that they continue in

II. That *God would sanctify them wholly;* and their preservation, that they *be preserved blameless.* Paul put emphasis on complete sanctification for the whole man, *spirit, soul, and body.* Some in the world is sanctified in part. Therefore he encourages them to seek complete sanctification. Is there such a thing as being partly sanctified?

LET’S HAVE DISCUSSIONS!!!!!!!

Think about it:

1. Grace!
2. Is God’s work complete working only through one’s spirit while the soul and body is free to do whatever it chooses?

III. Paul’s comfortable assurance that God hears his prayer.  *Faithful is He who calleth you, who will also do it (24).*

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The faithfulness of God is Paul’s security that they should persevere to the end; they are reassured God will fulfill His desire; He will do what He has promised. God will accomplish His goodness towards them. How we responds to God’s requests will determine

IV. Paul requests prayer.

**1 Thessalonians 5:25- Brethren, pray for us.**

***Colossians 4:3- Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: 4) That I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.***

We should always pray for one another especially ministers of the gospel.

V. Salutation: *Greet all brethren with a holy kiss*

**1 Peter 5:14- Greet one another with a kiss of charity, Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen**

VI. Paul’s final charge:

***5:27- I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all holy brethren.***

***28. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen***

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