

“The DAY Of The LORD”
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
8/17/25
Message 9

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “The DAY Of The LORD” – **SHOW TIMELINE**
- **So MANY Warnings**
 - **1st Back in January 2016 an article in the Reader’s Digest (“The Big One”)**
 - Warned that a major, earthquake along the northwest coast of the U.S.
 - This could trigger a massive tsunami that would wipe out everything on the coast from Washington to Northern California.
 - The Earthquake That Will Devastate Everything West of I5
 - It would be the worst natural disaster in the history of North America!
 - **2nd But - In Spite of that “CLEAR” warning...**
 - I have not heard of anyone leaving or making changes with this news!!!
 - Have you?
 - The reason we didn’t make Any Changes...
 - Scientists can’t be certain with such predictions
 - So that tends to make us skeptical of such dire warnings
 - After ALL

- They have been predicting this for long time
- Since I was a kids they have told me that California was going to split in 2 and the West side with fall into the Oceans
- These are the same “Scientists” that new seek control with Climate Change...

• **Maybe that's why people IGNORE God's warnings**

- **1st Maybe this is why people ignore God's warnings about impending judgment!!!**
 - The Bible repeatedly warns that God's righteous judgment is coming
 - It is absolutely certain!!!
 - That God “has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness!!!
 - But most people
 - Shrug it off or they think is He really going to judge?
 - If He does judge it's only against the REAL bad people...
- **2nd Question**
 - How many of you believe we are living in the Last days?
 - If we DO...
 - It would affect the way we live
 - We would be awake
 - We would be READY

- **“Signs We are Near The End”**

- **1st Deception**

Matthew 24:4 (NKJV)

4 And Jesus answered and said to them: *“Take heed that no one deceives you.*

- Deception – Is Ruling our Day

- **2nd Israel will become a Nation Again**

- (Jeremiah 32:36-41 / Ezekiel 37:11-14, 21-22, 25 / Isaiah 66:7-8 / Matthew 24:32-35)

Isaiah 11:11–12 (NKJV)

11 It shall come to pass in that day That the LORD shall set His hand again the **second time** To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.

12 He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of **Judah** From the four corners of the earth.

- Happened - May 14, 1948

- **3rd Israel Will be in the World's Spotlight / Stumbling Block for the Nations**

- **1st God would bless Israel again Agriculturally**

Ezekiel 36:9 (NKJV)

9 For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown.

- The mountains of Israel basically are going to yield fruit again.
- You go over to Israel, and you are impressed by the agricultural development.

- The mountains of the Golan covered with apple orchards.
- The hills around the Galilee, covered with banana trees, kiwi trees, avocado trees.
- The hills around the Sharon plain and all, covered with citrus trees, oranges, grapefruit, lemons, and all.

▪ **2nd ISRAEL a problem for the nations!**

Zechariah 12:2 (NKJV)

2 “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.

- Over the years a major focus in meetings of United Nations Leaders
- UN just called Israel an apartheid state / terrorist
- Bring PEACE / 2 State Solution
- Problem with Jerusalem – Palestinians don’t want to share

▪ **3rd There Will be a Continual Search for Peace in Israel**

▪ **4th Preparations Will Be Made to Build the Third Temple**

▪ **5th In the Last Days, Certain Specified Nations Will Invade Israel**

- Psalm 83 / Ezekiel 38,39 Invasion
- No Superpower Will Intervene on Israel’s Behalf When They are attacked (Ezek. 38-39)

○ **4th There Will Be a Ten Nation Confederation in Western Europe**

- (The Revival of the Ancient Roman Empire)

- **5th There Will Be a One-World Political and Economic System**
 - (Globalism)
- **6th The World Will Desperately Look for a Leader**
- **7th There Will Be an Exponential Increase in Technology**
- **8th Plagues and Pestilence Will Trouble the World**
- **9th The World Will Be Characterized by Lawlessness**
- **10th The World Will Be Characterized by Violence**
- **11th The Organized Church Will Turn Away from the Faith**
 - (Apostasy)
- **12th There Will Be a Rise in False Prophets, False Teachers, and False christs**
- **13th There Will Be a Rise in Anti-Semitism**
- **14th Christians Will Continue to Be Persecuted**
 - Show Pic
 - <https://www.foxnews.com/media/hostility-against-churches-growing-trend-study-finds-hundreds-attacks-u-s-churches-2024>
 - Vandalism was the leading offense against churches (284), followed by arson (55), gun-related incidents (28), bomb threats (14), and other incidents of assault, threats or disruptions (47). On average, there were 35 attacks against U.S. churches each month in 2024.
- **15th Unbelievers Will Scoff at the Idea of Christ's Return**
- **16th The Wicked Will Not Understand the Signs of the Times**

- 17th Bible-Believers Will Understand What Is Taking Place

- **Review**

- Last 3 week we studied the Rapture!!!
 - A Pre-Trib Rapture
 - We focused on the fact that this event should bring us comfort
 - Now as we look to 1 Thessalonians 5
 - We'll see how we're supposed to live in light of Rapture and the coming day of the Lord
 - More proof of the Pre-Trib Rapture and The DAY Of The LORD

- **Now this morning We will look at 4 Powerful Truths about - The Day Of The Lord**

- Paul's Comments Concerning The Day of The Lord vv. 1-3
- The Contrast Between Believers and Unbelievers vv. 4-5
- The Call to Believers To Be Ready vv. 6-8
- The Confidence We Have In Christ vv. 9-11

Paul's Comments Concerning The Day of The Lord vv. 1-3

- **First: He Refers To Times & Seasons v. 1**

- 1st Concerning The Times and Seasons v. 1

1 Thessalonians 5:1 (NKJV)

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.

- The words for - Times and Seasons

- Literally mean
 - Chronology & Events
 - These two terms mean the measurement of time and the character of the times respectively
 - What has happened and what will happen
 - End Times – The Return of Jesus
- Paul spent time teaching Prophecy!
 - So SHOULD WE
- **Application**
 - **Paul would be surprised**
 - That some people in churches today consider the return of Jesus
 - An Unimportant teaching!!!!
 - Not Relevant to their lives
 - This is a growing thought...
 - We have heard this no need to keep hearing
 - This is the thoughts of many today
 - **Sadly As a Result**
 - I believe you may have many people sitting in churches today that will be totally surprised, taken back, when the end comes
 - They are asleep

- KNOW this Church

- Jesus has told us these things for a reason
- We would DO WELL to listen and Obey
- Remember
 - Jesus criticized the religious leaders for not discern the signs of the times (Matthew 16:1-4)

Matthew 16:1–4 (NKJV)

1 Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven.

2 He answered and said to them, “*When it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red’;*

3 *and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.*

4 *A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.” And He left them and departed.*

- We must be aware of the TIMES and SEASONS we are living in!

- **2nd You Have No Need That I should Write to You vv. 1b-2a**

1 Thessalonians 5:1–2 (NKJV)

1 But concerning the times and the seasons, **brethren, you have no need that I should write to you.**

2 **For you yourselves know perfectly** that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

- Impressed that Paul with what Paul taught them in 3 weeks (Acts 17:20)

- The Thessalonians were WELL TAUGHT about the return of Jesus and other prophetic matters.

- In that time, he taught them about the prophetic times and seasons regarding the return of Jesus.

• **Second: He Reminds Them Of What That Day Will Be Like vv. 2-3**

- **1st That the day of the Lord v. 2b**

1 Thessalonians 5:2 (NKJV)

2 For you yourselves know perfectly **that the day of the Lord** so comes as a thief in the night.

▪ **The DAY of The LORD**

- Paul quoted a familiar Old Testament idea.
 - The phrase “Day of the Lord”
 - Identifies events that take place at the end of history (Isaiah 7:18-25)
 - *Refers to a still future fulfillment when God’s wrath is poured out on unbelieving Israel (Isaiah 22; Jeremiah 30:1-17; Joel 1-2; Amos 5; Zephaniah 1) and on the unbelieving world (Ezekiel 38–39; Zechariah 14).*
- The idea behind the phrase - The Day of the Lord
 - This is Gods’ time.
 - Man has his “day,” and the Lord has His day.

▪ The New Testament calls it

- A day of “wrath,”
- A day of “visitation”
- The “Dreaded Day of God Almighty”

- (Revelation 16:14)
- Known as - The tribulation period / God's Judgment

○ 2nd As a thief in the night v. 2c

1 Thessalonians 5:2 (NKJV)

2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night.

- **This is a common term used that simply refers to the fact of how these events unfold**
 - It's Sudden and Unexpected to the world
 - A Thief in the Night
 - Does not announce the exact time of his arrival
 - Hey, I will be at your house on August 18, 2025 at 10pm
 - No it sudden and unexpected
- PLEASE NOTE
 - This phrase is never used to refer to the rapture of the church.
 - It is used of Christ's coming in judgment on the Day of the Lord at the end of the 7-year tribulation which is distinct from the rapture of the church
- Remember 2 Comings
 - One Aspect of His coming is
 - At an unexpected hour (Clouds) (Rapture)
 - The other is positively predicted (Judgment)

- One coming is to
 - Business as Usual” world (Rapture)
 - The other to a world in cataclysm (Judgment)
- One coming is
 - Meeting Him in the air (Rapture - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)
 - The other is Him coming with the saints (Judgment - Zechariah 14:5)

Zechariah 14:5 (NKJV)

5 Then you shall flee through My mountain valley, For the mountain valley shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee As you fled from the earthquake In the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the LORD my God will come, And all the saints with You.

- **3rd It Begins With Deception v. 3a**

1 Thessalonians 5:3 (NKJV)

3 For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

▪ WHEN THEY SAY

- Please note – “THEY”
 - Note WE – THEY
 - Paul clearly points out a difference from believers and No-believers

▪ Peace and Safety!

- What does this mean?
 - Everything is Great!

- They finally have all us Christians out of the way
and if anyone comes to Christ they are killed
- They have their Gobel leader
- They have their Socialism / Communism
- They have their “Utopia”
- They have their John Lennon Anthem
 - Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us, only sky
Imagine all the people
Livin' for today
Ah
 - Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion, too
Imagine all the people
Livin' life in peace
 - You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one
 - Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world
 - You may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us

And the world will live as one

- It will be just as the false prophets of OT falsely forecasting
 - A bright future, in spite of the fact that God's judgment is right around the corner
 - (Jer. 6:14; 8:11; 14:13, 14; Lam. 2:14; Ezek. 13:10, 16; Mic. 3:5)

○ **3rd It Results In Destruction v. 3b**

1 Thessalonians 5:3 (NKJV)

3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.

Isaiah 13:6–22 (NKJV)

6 Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore all hands will be limp, Every man's heart will melt,

8 And they will be afraid. Pangs and sorrows will take hold of them; They will be in pain as a woman in childbirth; They will be amazed at one another; Their faces will be like flames.

9 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.

10 For the stars of heaven and their constellations Will not give their light; The sun will be darkened in its going forth, And the moon will not cause its light to shine.

11 "I will punish the world for its evil, And the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the arrogance of the proud, And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a mortal more rare than fine gold, A man more than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, And the earth will move out of her place, In the wrath of the LORD of hosts And in the day of His fierce anger.

14 It shall be as the hunted gazelle, And as a sheep that no man takes up;

Every man will turn to his own people, And everyone will flee to his own land.

15 Everyone who is found will be thrust through, And everyone who is captured will fall by the sword.

- 16** *Their children also will be dashed to pieces before their eyes; Their houses will be plundered And their wives ravished.*
- 17** *“Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, Who will not regard silver; And as for gold, they will not delight in it.*
- 18** *Also their bows will dash the young men to pieces, And they will have no pity on the fruit of the womb; Their eye will not spare children.*
- 19** *And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, The beauty of the Chaldeans’ pride, Will be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.*
- 20** *It will never be inhabited, Nor will it be settled from generation to generation; Nor will the Arabian pitch tents there, Nor will the shepherds make their sheepfolds there.*
- 21** *But wild beasts of the desert will lie there, And their houses will be full of owls; Ostriches will dwell there, And wild goats will caper there.*
- 22** *The hyenas will howl in their citadels, And jackals in their pleasant palaces. Her time is near to come, And her days will not be prolonged.”*

Joel 2:30 (NKJV)

- 30** *“And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke.*
- 31** *The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.*

Malachi 4:1 (NKJV)

- 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,” Says the LORD of hosts, “That will leave them neither root nor branch.*

Zephaniah 1:14–15 (NKJV)

- 14** *The great day of the LORD is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out.*
- 15** *That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness,*

- (Dan. 9:27; Jer. 30:7; Matt. 24:4–28; 2 Thess. 2:2; Rev. 6:1–19:16)

The Contrast Between Believers and Unbelievers vv. 4-5

- ***First: The Recognition Of The Day Of The Lord v. 4***

- 1st BUT YOU v. 4a

1 Thessalonians 5:4 (NKJV)

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

- In verse 4 “YOU”

- “They”

- Refers to those of the world who are totally ignorant about the coming Tribulation

- But “YOU” Brethren!

- Refers to believers who are not ignorant about the coming Tribulation
- We don’t know when the Rapture will come
- But we have been given knowledge to discern the times and season and this should not be a surprise for us
- But the world will be completely surprised

- 1st BUT YOU v. 4b

1 Thessalonians 5:4 (NKJV)

4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

- You are NOT in Darkness – Because we have the LIGHT of God’s Word

- So this day will NOT come and be a surprise to us

- Seriously

- Shame on Christians Leaders

- For Down playing Prophecy and the return of Christ
—
- They and the people that follow MAY be in Darkness...

• **Second: The Reference To Light & Darkness v. 5**

○ **1st Sons Of Light Vs. Darkness v. 5**

1 Thessalonians 5:5 (NKJV)

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

▪ **Only 2 Types of People**

- There are
 - Believers
 - Saved
 - Unbelievers
 - LOST
- J. Vernon McGee put it, “the saints and the ain'ts”

▪ **God has taken us out of darkness**

Colossians 1:13 (NKJV)

13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

- We were once a part of DARKNESS
 - Whose king is Satan – his Goal is rob, kill, destroy
- We have been rescued out of that horrible Kingdom

- Delivered out of the darkness of sin, ignorance, rebellion, and unbelief.

- So Paul's exhortation here is live like you are of the day!

Ephesians 5:8 (NKJV)

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light

- Lets us walk in the Light!!!

• **Now Beginning in v.6**

- He gives us some practical insight into what that looks like

The Call To Believers To Be Ready vv. 6-8

• **First: To Be Spiritual Awake v. 6**

- **1st Therefore let us not sleep, as others do! v. 6a**

1 Thessalonians 5:6 (NKJV)

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

- The word "sleep" here spiritually speaks of having

- A Careless Indifference.

- I don't care type of attitude!

- **2nd Application**

- **The Church has been asleep for a while**

- Sadly - Saints seem to be more interested in

- Entertainment then Discipleship

- Churches are more interested in

- Filling pews then Filling Lives

- Illustration
 - Just read Jesus' letters to the churches in Revelation
- It is time to be awake!

Romans 13:11 (NKJV)

11 And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

▪ Now what are causes of Spiritual Drowsiness?

- 1st Sin – Samson
 - Samson great potential – But he lived in a world of compromise – touching unclean
 - Ungodly women – Result: He lost his sensitivity to the Lord.

Judges 16:20 (NKJV)

20 And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!" But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.

- Let us have God examine our lives / make sure we are not sinning!!!

• 2nd Lack of Fellowship

Hebrews 10:24–25 (NKJV)

24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

- John Bunyan, in *Pilgrims Progress*, tells of Christian & Hopeful journeying to the Celestial city.

He said, "To prevent drowsiness in this place, let us fall into good discourse."

- Christians who isolate themselves & walk alone, are very liable to grow drowsy
- Fellowship is meant to Stir us up!
- Stay in Christian company and, you will be kept wakeful by it and refreshed & encouraged by it
- Keep your conversations on Jesus!

- **3rd Inactivity**

- It is hard to fall asleep when you are working
- George Whitefield; "It is better to wear out than to rust out."
- If Ministry becomes something we can turn off and turn on – we have a problem
- Ministry MUST be our lives
- What is YOUR ministry
- SERVE – STAY INVOLVED!

- **4th Prayerlessness**

- Jesus told his disciples to pray – instead they were sleeping
- Peter reacts in the flesh –
- So the First thing Paul tells us to do is to Wake up – Stop sleeping!

- **Second: To Be Spiritually Alert v. 6b-7**

- 1st But let us watch v. 6b

1 Thessalonians 5:6 (NKJV)

6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober.

- **Watch**

- It is the opposite of indifference
 - It involves alertness!
 - A person who is aware paying attention
 - Knows the Times and Seasons
- Sadly
 - Many have put on their PJ's on...
 - Jesus is not late – but He has delayed his coming

2 Peter 3:3–4 (NKJV)

3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

4 and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”

2 Peter 3:8–9 (NKJV)

8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

- 2nd Be Sober v. 6c-7

1 Thessalonians 5:6–7 (NKJV)

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.

- **Watching is more Mental**

- Sober is more Moral!

- **To be Sober means**

- To be free from the influence of intoxicants
- UNABLE to respond
- SIN - Paralyzes Us

- **A Sober Person Exhibits**

- Self-control
- Lives a serious, balanced, calm, steady life
- Maintains proper priorities
- *William Hendriksen notes: "The sober person lives deeply. His pleasures are not primarily those of the senses, like the pleasures of the drunkard for instance, but those of the soul. He is by no means a Stoic. On the contrary, with a full measure of joyful anticipation he looks forward to the return of the Lord, but in doing so he does not run away from his task!"*
- They take life seriously; reach out to people, love them, help them, offer salvation to them!

- **Third: To Be Spiritual Armed v. 8 (Ephesians 6)**

- **1st OUR POSITION - Of The Day v. 8a**

1 Thessalonians 5:8 (NKJV)

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.

- Please Note again - OUR POSITION – OF THE DAY

- Unbelievers (THEY) Believers (YOU)
 - They - Sleeping
 - You - Not sleeping
 - They - Drunk
 - You - Not drunk
 - They - In darkness
 - You - Not in darkness
 - They - Of the night and darkness
 - You - Sons of light and sons of the day
 - They - Overtaken unexpectedly by the Day of the Lord as a thief in the night
 - You - Not overtaken unexpectedly by the Day of the Lord as a thief in the night,
 - They - Sudden and inescapable destruction, as labor pains of a pregnant woman
 - You - Not appointed to wrath but to obtain salvation

○ **2nd OUR ARMOR v. 8b**

1 Thessalonians 5:8 (NKJV)

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.

▪ **A Soldier's Breastplate**

- Protected his vital organs
 - The area where he was most vulnerable.

- It was the ancient equivalent of a bulletproof vest
- Characterized by 2 layers: Faith and Love
 - **1st Faith = tough outer layer**
 - Faith
 - Starts with the Mind
 - Comes by hearing and hearing by the Word
 - Based on Facts...it stands on the Word
 - Know what you believe and why is so important
 - Provides a good defense against temptation because Satan seeks to tempt us to doubt God
 - **We can TRUST in Him**
 - **1st Believers can trust God's Person**
 - He will never deviate from His nature as revealed in Scripture but will always act consistently with His attributes.
 - The writer of Hebrews declared of God the Son, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Heb 13:8).
 - **2nd Believers can trust God's Power.**

- God rhetorically asked Abraham, "Is anything too difficult for the Lord?" (Gen 18:14).
- **3rd Believers can trust God's Promises.**
 - All the promises are Yes and Amen in Christ – 2 Cor. 1:20
 - Because Jesus rose – All true, all for me!
- **4th We Can trust God's sovereign Plan, which can neither be halted nor hindered.**
 - Through Isaiah the prophet, God declared, "I act and who can reverse it?" (Isa 43:13).
 - When We are trusting in the Lord's Person, Power, Promises and Sovereign Plan...Our Faith is built up
- **2nd Love toward God**
 - It involves delight in Him and devotion to Him as our supreme object of affection
 - Love is the MOTIVATOR – staying awake
 - Not for brownie points, in response to His Love
 - It's a great deterrent against worldly living
 - We're either Loving the Lord or Loving Self
 - Great motivator to hang in there thru difficulties in marriage / friendships

- Love God and trust Him!!!
- So the breastplate = Faith and Love
- **A Solders Helmet**
 - The HOPE of Salvation

The Confidence We Have In Christ vv. 9-11

• First: Our Position vv. 9-10

1 Thessalonians 5:9–10 (NKJV)

*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.*

○ **1st We are not Appointment to WRATH**

- Why are we not appointed unto Wrath?
 - Jesus paid it all who died for us

• Second: Our Practice v. 11

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NKJV)

*11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are
doing.*

- Paul tells us not to take comfort, but to give comfort
 - Comfort one another - times like this we need to be reminding each other – this is not Home!
- Comfort = to encourage – keep going!
- Edify = Build up

Closing

- Keep Looking UP – Your redemption is near
- KEEP Working