

The River Church

50/50 Bible Study Challenge - Week #6

1 Thessalonians Chapter 5

Memory Verse:

1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NASB95): Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Talking Points:

-In verse 2 Paul states that Jesus will come back like “a thief in the night.” This same description is used 5 more times in the New Testament. Do you think it is significant? Why?

In the Hebrew language being “A Son of” means being characterized by that quality. What is the significance of Being “Sons of Light and Sons of Day?”

-Verse 6 - 8 describes some ways we can guard against being caught off guard when Jesus comes back.

-What are some ways that we could be “alert and sober” as the text states?

-How would we put on the “Breastplate of Faith and Love” and the “Helmet of Salvation”

In verse 9 Paul states “God has not destined us for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ”.

-Does being “destined for salvation” relinquish our responsibility of preparing and staying vigilant until He comes again?

-Why is it important to “appreciate those who diligently labor among you”?

-Paul urges us to do 13 different things from verse 13 to verse 21

James 1:22 (NASB95): But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

Write how you can apply these 13 different things to your life.

-Admonish the unruly

-Encourage the fainthearted

-Help the weak

-Be patient with everyone

-See that no one repays evil for evil

-Seek which is good for one another

-Rejoice always

-Pray without ceasing

-In everything give thanks

-Do not quench the Spirit

-Do not despise prophetic utterance

-But examine everything carefully

-Hold fast to what is good

-Abstain from every form of evil