

"Thief In the Night"  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Central Idea: Christ's coming calls us to holy living.

I. Day of the Lord (1-3)

#1 - \_\_\_\_\_ (1-2)

- "the times and the epochs"
  - Acts 1:6-7 Jesus: the time of my return no one is to \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- "the day of the Lord"
  - Term used to describe God's \_\_\_\_\_

The primary characteristic of a thief: \_\_\_\_\_

A thief comes: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, without \_\_\_\_\_

- Jesus - Matthew 24:43 / Peter - 2 Peter 3:10

#2 - \_\_\_\_\_ (3) - Who is involved in the day of the Lord?

- "they" "them" "they" (v. 3) = \_\_\_\_\_

#3 - Day of the Lord

- "destruction"
  
- A time of \_\_\_\_\_ judgment \_\_\_\_\_ to come.

II. Believers response (4-11)

#1 - The believers \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ (4-5)

\_\_\_\_\_ versus \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ versus \_\_\_\_\_

- Colossians 1:13 / Ephesians 6:12
  
- For believers Christ's coming is nothing to \_\_\_\_\_.

## #2 - Be alert, be sober, be prepared (6-8)

- be alert = \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- be sober = \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (always figurative in the NT)  
As believers we are to have control over \_\_\_\_\_.
- be prepared  
God has \_\_\_\_\_ us the preparation we need spiritually.

## #3 - The believers \_\_\_\_\_ destiny

“not destined us for wrath”

- God hasn't appointed believers for wrath either in an eternal \_\_\_\_\_ or in a 7 year \_\_\_\_\_, but rather God has destined us for \_\_\_\_\_ to heaven and an eternity with Christ.
- The reason is because of what Jesus has done \_\_\_\_\_ us, not anything \_\_\_\_\_ have done.

## Application (11)

This passage was given to encourage and support.

- Christ is our \_\_\_\_\_, not our \_\_\_\_\_.

1. Are you living in holiness in light of Jesus return?

If we really believe Paul it will be reflected in the way we \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Are you personally ready for the day of the Lord?

Be ready by having a \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with Jesus.