

1 Thessalonians 5:1-28

5/13/26

- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Title – “1 Thessalonians 5:1-28”
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- Transition from chapter 4

1 Thes. 4:13 I do not want you to be ignorant (brethren) concerning those who have
fallen asleep – lest you sorrow as others who have no hope
14 those who sleep in Christ
15 alive & remain – God will bring with Him those who sleep in Christ
16 the Lord descend – the dead in Christ shall rise first
17 those who are alive – will be caught up in the clouds
18 comfort one another with these words

- Continuing into chapter 5

1Thes. 5:1 concerning the times & the seasons, you have no need that I should write
to you
2 the day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night
2 Peter 3:10 the Day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night
Matt. 24:36 of that day and hour, no one knows – not even the angels of heaven – but
My Father only
42 watch – for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming
43 if you knew what hour, you would have watched & thwarted the thief
(Repeated in Luke 12:39)
Rev. 3:3 to Sardis – if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you
will not know what hour I will come upon you
Rev. 16:15 “I am coming as a thief – blessed is he who watches, and keeps his
garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame”
1 Thes. 5:3 when they say “peace and safety” – then sudden destruction comes – like
labor pains in childbirth
4 brethren, you are not in darkness (to be overtaken by a thief)
5 sons of the light and sons of the day – we are not in darkness
6 not sleep – watch and be sober
7 sleep at night – get drunk at night
8 we are of the day
· put on the breastplate of faith & love
· put on the helmet – hope of salvation
9 God did not appoint us to wrath – but to obtain salvation (through Christ)
10 whether we wake or sleep = live together with Him
11 therefore – comfort each other – edify one another

12 we urge you

- recognize those who labor among you
- recognize those who are over you in the Lord
- recognize those who admonish you

13 esteem them highly for their work's sake – be at peace among yourselves

· The Bible warns against poor leadership traits

Matt. 20:25-28	lording over – exercising authority
Matt. 23:2-15	scribes & Pharisees in Moses' seat
2 Cor. 11:20	five characteristics

1 Thes. 5:14 we exhort you brethren

- warn those who are unruly
- comfort the fainthearted
- uphold the weak
- be patient with all

15 do not render evil for evil to anyone – always pursue what is good, both for yourselves and for all

16 rejoice always

17 pray without ceasing

18 in everything, give thanks

19 do not quench the Spirit

20 do not despise prophecies

21 test all things, hold fast what is good

John 20:24 Thomas was not with the others, when Christ came

25 the others said: “we have seen the Lord”

Thomas said:

- unless I see the print the nails in His hand
- unless I put my finger into the print of the nails
- unless I put my hand into His side
- I will not believe

27 “reach you finger here, and look at My hands; reach your hand here and put it into My side – do not be unbelieving, but believing”

1 Thes. 5:22 abstain from every form of evil

23 may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely – may you whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord

24 He who called you is faithful

25 pray for us

26 greet the brethren with a holy kiss

27 I charge you by the Lord Jesus – this epistle be read to all the holy brethren

28 the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you