



I THESSALONIANS

Part Fifty: "I Thessalonians 5 - Paul's Instruction in Readiness, part 2"

1 Thessalonians 5:6-10 - READY WATCHING

1. The Challenge. 6.

- a. What we are NOT to do.
 - 1) Do not live carelessly. *Therefore let us not sleep*
 - 2) Do not emulate the unbelieving world. *as do others*
- b. What we ARE to do.
 - 1) Be alert and aware. *but let us watch*
 - 2) Be free from ungodly influences. *and be sober*

2. The Contrast. 7.

- a. The children of the night neglect to take caution. *For they that sleep sleep in the night*
- b. The children of the night are controlled by ungodly influences.
and they that be drunken are drunken in the night

3. The Conduct. 8.

- a. Children of the day are sober. *But let us, who are of the day, be sober*
 - 1) Free from unclean influences.
 - 2) Alert.
 - 3) Focused.
- b. Children of the day are prepared.
 - 1) Their heart is covered with faith and love. *putting on the breastplate of faith and love*
 - 2) Their mind is covered with the hope of salvation. *and for an helmet, the hope of salvation*

4. The Covenant. 9-10.

- a. The end of our covenant.
 - 1) The wrath of God is not our destiny. *For God hath not appointed us to wrath*
 - 2) Salvation through Christ defines our future. *but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ*
- b. The Securer of our covenant. *our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us*
Jesus Christ already took the wrath of God for us.
- c. The security of our covenant.
 - 1) Our security in Christ does not depend upon our watchfulness. *that, whether we wake or sleep*
 - 2) Our purpose is the same on earth and in eternity. *we should live together with him.*