

Sunday, 04-23-2023

Living with Hope
Bible Background: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
Printed Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 KJV/NLT
Devotional Reading: Psalm 38:9-15

Aim for Change:

- **UNDERSTAND** the significance of the second coming of Christ.
 1. How has God helped me to **UNDERTSAND** the significance of His second coming?
 - **REJOICE** in our salvation.
 2. How do I **REJOICE** in my salvation?
 - **DETERMINE** to be prepared for the return of our Lord.
 3. How **DETERMINED** am I in preparing for the return of Jesus?
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Devotional Reading: Wednesday: Waiting in Hope – Psalm 38:9-15; 35:19-28

- How have I let my sin alienate me from God and others? Has my light truly burned out?
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Focal Verses – Encourage One Another with Hope – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

1. **Those Who Have Fallen Asleep (vv. 13-18) – Genesis 5:24; 2 Kings 2:11; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58**
 - How ignorant am I towards death? How should I react when death occurs? Will I know the voice of the Lord when He returns? Am I being obedient to God's word and comforting others with His words?
 2. **The Day of the Lord (vv. 5:1-3) – Joel 2:1-2, 30-32; Acts 1:6-11; 1 Corinthians 1:4-9; 2 Peter 3:8-13; Revelation 3:1-6**
 - How prepared am I for Christ's return? Is my security system turned on/off? Has my preparation caused stagnation?
 3. **Children of Darkness vs. Children of Light (vv. 4-6) – Psalm 112; 119:129-136; Proverbs 4:16-27; Luke 21:8-17**
 - Am I being diligent in the Lord by faith/works? Is my laziness beyond my control? Am I causing the light within me to flicker? What type(s) of response(s) does my action(s) reflect in Christ?
 4. **Walking in Readiness (vv. 7-11) – Romans 13:11-14; Ephesians 5:15-21; 6:10-20; Philippians 1:27-30; 1 Thessalonians 3:3**
 - Am I in darkness when others think I'm in the light? How well does my armor fit? Is my armor damaged to where I can't use it? Am I bringing peace or chaos to the house of God? How/what am I doing to build up/edify His church? Is my complacency tearing it down? Am I exercising in the Lord to stay healthy?
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Daily Readings:

- **Monday: The Hopeless Human Situation – Isaiah 59:9-15a**
 - Am I blinding myself from the Lord's presence? How am I failing in His truth? Does my heart speak deception?
- **Tuesday: The Source of Hope – Isaiah 59:15b-21**
 - Is my sin out of rebellion or ignorance? How well do I really know God's word?
- **Thursday: Hoping against Hope – Romans 4:16-25**
 - Am I enjoying my sin too much to let God do His work in me?
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- **Friday: Seizing the Hope Set before Us – Hebrews 6:13-20**
 - How do I wait on God without discouragement?
- **Saturday: The God of Hope – Romans 15:7-13**
 - Am I glorifying God by word/deed? Is my hope powered by the Holy Ghost?

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