

1 and 2 Thessalonians

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Monday, 9:30 – 11:00 am

To be discussed –05/05/25

Lesson 6

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

This lesson will deal with Christ's return and the rapture of the church. Keep in mind Paul is writing as a pastor to encourage and comfort believers, to allay their fears, and not to predict the future in exact detail.

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Timothy must have reported back to Paul that the Thessalonian Christians had some questions and concerns about the return of Christ. What was their big question/concern that Paul addressed in this passage?

2. As he began to answer them, what two things did he want for them to understand according to v. 13?

3. According to vv. 14-17, why should Christians not “grieve like the rest of men” when another believer dies? (See also John 14:1-3, 1 Cor. 15:51-54)

4. What sequence of events will occur when Christ returns? (vv. 16-18)

5. You may have some of the same questions and concerns experienced by the Thessalonians. How were you encouraged by what Paul wrote?

6. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11. What was their next big question that Paul addressed in this passage?

7. What main point about the coming “day of the Lord” did Paul make in each of the following?
 - 5:1-3

 - 5:4-5, 9-10

 - 5:6-8

 - 5:11