

LIVING READY IN A DARK WORLD

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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BIG IDEA: Since we belong to the day, we must live ready for Christ's return.

THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME SUDDENLY (vv. 1-3)

Christ's return is certain, but the timing is unknown.

The world will be unprepared, trusting in false security.

WE ARE CHILDREN OF THE DAY, NOT THE NIGHT (vv. 4-8)

Our identity shapes our lifestyle—children of the light live differently.

Daylight living means alertness, self-control, and being dressed appropriately.

OUR DESTINY IS SALVATION, NOT WRATH (vv. 9-11)

God has appointed us for salvation through Christ, not destruction.

Christ's death guarantees life with Him—whether in death or at His return.

QUESTION TO PONDER

Would my lifestyle encourage others to be more ready for Jesus' return—or less, and what would be some evidence of my faith?

Scripture Verses (ESV): 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, 2 Peter 3:10, Matthew 24:36-44, Psalm 35:8, Romans 13:11-14, 1 Peter 5:8, Ephesians 6:10-11, John 3:16, John 3:36