



November 27, 2022 | Pastor Keith Krell
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 | “No Sleepwalking”

Sermon Application Review from 4:13–18

Who did you grieve with this past week? How did you comfort this person?
How did you look forward to Christ’s return?

Scripture References

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11
Matthew 24:42–44
Mark 13:33–37
Luke 21:34–36
Romans 13:11–14
Ephesians 5:7–20
Ephesians 6:10–20

Study Questions

1. During your Christian life, how much time have you spent studying the end-times (5:1–3)? What have you learned? How has this information led to transformation in your life? What specific attitudes and actions have you implemented?
2. Does the reality of Tribulation judgment upon unbelievers shake you to your core (5:3)? Think of family members, coworkers, and neighbors who do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. How will you be motivated to share the love and grace of Jesus with them? Since many unchurched people have an interest in the end-times, how can you use this topic in your spiritual conversations? Read Colossians 4:5–6.
3. What is your spiritual opinion of yourself? Do you have a healthy, biblical understanding that you are a son or daughter of light (5:4–5)? Would your family members, friends, coworkers, and neighbors consider you a son or daughter of light? Why or why not? How can you be “light” to those around you?
4. Are you ready for Jesus to return? Read 1 John 2:28 and 2 Corinthians 5:10. In what area of your life are you a spiritual sleepwalker who has been intoxicated by the world (5:6–7)? What personal steps can you take to return to fellowship and intimacy with Christ? Who can help you grow in your relationship with Christ? Will you contact this person today and ask for his or her assistance?
5. How does the coming day of the Lord provide encouragement for you (5:11)? In what ways are you presently seeking to “encourage” and “build up” fellow believers? Read Hebrews 10:24–25. How can you intentionally spur other believers on to love and good deeds as the day of Christ’s return draws near?

Recommended Reading

Erwin W. Lutzer, *The King is Coming: Ten Events That Will Change Our Future Forever* (Moody, 2015)
Lonnie Pacelli, *The Lawless One and the End of Time* (Pacelli Publishing, 2018)
Donald S. Whitney, *Spiritual Disciplines within the Church* (Moody, 1996)

REFLECTIONS ON WHO YOU ARE IN CHRIST

Your identity in Christ is one of the most powerful resources at your disposal. As you remind yourself of who you are in Christ, you will have confidence in your salvation and the ability to overcome sin.

I am . . .

- The Salt of the earth (Matt 5:13)
- The Light of the world (Matt 5:14)
- A Citizen of Heaven (Luke 10:20; Phil 3:20; Heb 12:22; Rev 21:3)
- A Child of God (John 1:12; Rom 8:16)
- Chosen by God (John 15:16; Eph 1:4)
- A gift from God the Father to Christ (John 17:6, 22; 18:9)
- Righteous and forgiven (Rom 4:5; 5:1; Col 2:13–14)
- Able to have access to God (Rom 5:2; Eph 2:18; Heb 4:16)
- In Christ (Rom 6:1, 23; 8:1, 39; 12:5)
- Dead to the ruling power of sin in my life (Rom 6:1–6)
- A slave of righteousness (Rom 6:18)
- Free from law (Rom 7:4; cf. 6:14; 7:6; 8:2)
- Free from condemnation (Rom 8:1)
- A child of God (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6)
- An heir of God (Rom 8:17)
- Assured all works together for good (Rom 8:28)
- Secure in Christ (Rom 8:31–39)
- A recipient of the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:16)
- Joined in one spirit to the Lord (1 Cor 6:17)
- A temple who has been bought with a price; I am not my own, I belong to God (1 Cor 6:19–20)
- A member of Christ's body (1 Cor. 12:27; Eph. 5:30)
- Established in Christ, anointed by God, sealed with the Spirit (2 Cor 1:21–22)
- A new creature (2 Cor 5:17)
- A minister of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:17–20; Col 1:20)
- A saint (Eph 1:1; 1 Cor 1:2; Phil 1:1)
- A possessor of every spiritual blessing (Eph 1:3)
- Acceptable to God (Eph 1:4)
- An adopted child (Eph 1:4–5)
- The Father's inheritance (Eph 1:18)
- God's workmanship (Eph 2:10)
- Of the family and household of God (Eph 2:19; 1 Tim 3:14–15)
- A prisoner of Christ (Eph 3:1; 4:1)
- Righteous and holy (Eph 4:24)
- Light in the Lord (Eph 5:8)
- Redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14)
- Complete in Christ (Col 2:9–10)
- Hidden with Christ in God (Col 3:3)
- Chosen of God, holy, and dearly loved (Col 3:12; 1 Thess 1:4)
- A living stone, being built up in Christ as a spiritual house (1 Pet 2:5)
- A member of a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession (1 Pet 2:9–10)
- An alien and stranger in this world (1 Pet 2:11)
- An enemy of the devil (1 Pet 5:8)
- Born of God, and the evil one (the devil) can't touch me (1 John 5:18)

Note: Scripture is taken from the New American Standard Bible Updated Edition (1995). As appropriate, slight modifications were made to preserve the "I am" descriptions.