



Finish: In a Moment, Everything Will Change! [2]

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Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:4-6

Passage Summary: As the return of Christ draws near, the Scriptures are clear; the church can no longer afford to be in the dark, but rather must live in the light of the coming _____ of the _____!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that the church that lives in the light of the coming Day of the Lord is the church that is _____ for Christ's _____! (5:4-6)

Application: Recognize that when it comes to the church that is ready for Christ's return, they understand the need to...

- _____ up: Know your _____ in Christ! (v.4-5)

Know your Identity as a follower of Christ! You are...

- Chosen! (Ephesians 1:4)
- Redeemed! (Ephesians 1:7)
- Rescued! (Colossians 1:13)
- Loved! (Psalm 103:11)
- Forgiven! Psalm 103:12)
- Justified! (Romans 5:1)
- Sanctified! (1 Corinthians 6:11)
- Saved! (Titus 3:4-5)
- Secure! (Romans 8:38-39)
- Victorious! (1 John 5:3-5)
- Free! (John 8:36)
- Courageous! (2 Timothy 1:7)
- Adopted! (Romans 8:15-17)

A son of the light and a son of the day! (1 John 5:5)

"You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness."

1 Thessalonians 5:5

Remember: When it comes to your identity in Christ, the difference truly is _____ and _____, for as Paul would say to the Ephesians, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord." (Ephesians 5:8)

- _____ up: _____ today for Christ! (v.6)

See that those who live today for Christ are...

_____ : *Awake, watchful, on your guard!*

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

Colossians 4:2

_____ : *Sober, clear headed!*

"The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self-controlled so that you can pray."

1 Peter 4:7

"Standing on the threshold of an event that will mean sudden translation for some and sudden destruction for others, Christians should arm themselves for action with self-control."

John Walvoord

Remember: When it comes to living for Christ, the time is _____ and the stakes could not be _____, for as Paul would say to the Romans, "The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed." (Romans 13:11)

"Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful."

Mark 4:18-19

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine that you will no longer be in the dark, but live in the light of the coming Day of the Lord; in a moment, everything will change, and because it will, by the grace of God overcome the temptation to be a "_____ of the aquarium instead of a _____ of men." (E.V. Hill)