

# 1 THESSALONIANS

## BACKGROUND READING 1 Thess 1-5

### LESSON TEXT 1 THESS CHAPTER 5

**5** But concerning the times and the seasons, Brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. <sup>5</sup>You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. <sup>6</sup>Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

1. Paul in the Chapter 4 ends with “Therefore comfort one another with these words” and then he goes on to write some more and again says “Therefore comfort one another” with these new verses, but adds in also to “edify” “build one another up” depending on translation. How do we use these 10 verses to comfort and build one another?

<sup>12</sup>And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, <sup>13</sup>and to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. Be at peace among yourselves.

2. What is the intent of verse 12 and who is Paul talking about?

<sup>14</sup>Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. <sup>15</sup>See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

3. Verses 14-22 give a list of actions that Paul “exhorts” “encourages” them to do please list them and describe what that would look like in 2 lists. The first list is for the Church at Thessalonica the other is for Central Shelby Church of Christ.

23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

4. In relation to verse 23 what is the spirit, the soul and body and how are we to preserve them blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ?