

1Th 5:1-2 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. (2) For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

The times

Rev 20:5-7 The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. (6) Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years. (7) And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

No one knows when the Lord will return

2Pe 3:10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Many no longer worry about whether Jesus will return.

2Pe 3:4-10 They will say, "Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation." (5) For they deliberately overlook this fact, that the heavens existed long ago, and the earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God, (6) and that by means of these the world that then existed was deluged with water and perished.

(7) But by the same word the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. (8) But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. (9) The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness,

1Th 5:4-7 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. (5) For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. (6) So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. (7) For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night.

1Jn 1:5-7 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (6) If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. (7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1Th 5:8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

The gospel armor placed carefully around us.

1Th 5:9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

2Th 2:14 To this he called you through our gospel

Rev 2:10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

1Th 5:10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

Whether we are alive or dead in the body, we will live with Him.

Rom 5:8-9 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (9) Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

1Th 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Heb 10:24-25 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, (25) not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

1Th 5:12-13 We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, (13) and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

Heb 13:7 Remember your leaders (Gr *hegeomai*), those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

Act 15:22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading (Gr *hegeomai*), men among the brothers,

*1Th 5:14 We urge you, brethren,
admonish the unruly, encourage the
fainthearted, help the weak, be
patient with everyone.*

Not just those you know well.

1Th 5:15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people. 16 Rejoice always; (17) pray without ceasing; (18) in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Behave as brothers!

1Th 5:19-21 Do not quench the Spirit; (20) do not despise prophetic utterances. (21) But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good;

Jud 1:3 .. appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

They did not have the complete written word

1Co 13:8-10 Love never fails; but if *there are gifts of prophecy*, they will be done away; if *there are tongues*, they will cease; if *there is knowledge*, it will be done away. (9) For we know in part and we prophesy in part; (10) but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away.

2Pe 1:3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

Joh 12:48 "He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.

1Th 5:22 abstain from every form of
evil.

1Th 5:22 Abstain from all appearance
of evil. (KJV)

We do not get to say, “That looks evil
to me.” God makes the list!

*1Th 5:23 Now may the God of peace
Himself sanctify you entirely; and may
your spirit (pneuma) and soul (psyche)
and body be preserved complete, without
blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ.*

Ecc 12:7 then the dust will return to the
earth as it was, and the spirit (LXX
pneuma) will return to God who gave it.

*1Th 5:24 Faithful is He who calls you,
and He also will bring it to pass.*

Tit 1:2 in the hope of eternal life,
which God, who cannot lie, promised
long ages ago,

1Th 5:27 I adjure you by the Lord to
have this letter read to all the
brethren.

Adjure – a judicial oath – swear that
you will do it!

