

# ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Sunday School Live 

**April 23, 2023**

**Lesson Title: Living With Hope**

**Lesson Text: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 NIV**

**Devotional Reading Acts 17:1-11**

# LESSON OUTLINES

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- 1. Believers Who Have Died In Christ**  
**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
- 2. The Day of The Lord | Children of The Light**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:1-7**
- 3. Encouragement for The Present & Future**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:8-11**

## LESSON CONTEXT

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**Where : Thessalonica Greece.**

**Who: Paul, Silas, Timothy, Church at Thessalonica.**

**What: Church was suffering persecution, confusion and uncertainty about Jesus return.**

**Resolution: Paul encourages believers with truth, hope and promises of the rapture.**

## LESSON CONTEXT

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**Paul rejoiced with great joy that the Thessalonians had received the Gospel as the truth of God through the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Thess 1:5). He showed how deeply the Gospel's power is tied to those who proclaim and receive it, exclaiming, "So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls" (from 2:8).**

# QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER?

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- 1. What happens to my soul when I die?**
- 2. Where will I meet my loved ones?**
- 3. What is the Rapture?**
- 4. What will happen to those in darkness?**
- 5. How do I encourage those grieving loss?**

## 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 NIV

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**<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.**

## 1 Thessalonians 4:15 NIV

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**<sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep.**

## 1 Thessalonians 4:16 NRSV

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**<sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.**



## 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 NIV

**17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.**

**18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

## KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

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- 1. Do not grieve like those who are without hope.**
- 2. Those who are asleep in Christ will arise first when the Lord returns. 1<sup>st</sup> Thess. 4:16**
- 3. Those who are alive and remain shall meet him in the clouds.**

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 NIV

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**5 NOW, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, ABOUT  
TIMES AND DATES WE DO NOT NEED TO  
WRITE TO YOU,**

**2 FOR YOU KNOW VERY WELL THAT THE  
DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME LIKE A THIEF  
IN THE NIGHT.**

## 1 Thessalonians 5: 3 NIV

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**<sup>3</sup> WHILE PEOPLE ARE SAYING, “PEACE AND SAFETY,” DESTRUCTION WILL COME ON THEM SUDDENLY, AS LABOR PAINS ON A PREGNANT WOMAN, AND THEY WILL NOT ESCAPE.**

## 1 Thessalonians 5:4 - 5 NIV

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**4 BUT YOU, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, ARE NOT IN DARKNESS SO THAT THIS DAY SHOULD SURPRISE YOU LIKE A THIEF.**

**5 YOU ARE ALL CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT AND CHILDREN OF THE DAY. WE DO NOT BELONG TO THE NIGHT OR TO THE DARKNESS.**

## 1 Thessalonians 5:6 - 7 NIV

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**<sup>6</sup> SO THEN, LET US NOT BE LIKE OTHERS,  
WHO ARE ASLEEP, BUT LET US BE  
AWAKE AND SOBER.**

**<sup>7</sup> FOR THOSE WHO SLEEP, SLEEP AT  
NIGHT, AND THOSE WHO GET DRUNK,  
GET DRUNK AT NIGHT.**

## 1 Thessalonians 5:8 - 9 NIV

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**<sup>8</sup> BUT SINCE WE BELONG TO THE DAY, LET US BE SOBER, PUTTING ON FAITH AND LOVE AS A BREASTPLATE, AND THE HOPE OF SALVATION AS A HELMET.**

**<sup>9</sup> FOR GOD DID NOT APPOINT US TO SUFFER WRATH BUT TO RECEIVE SALVATION THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

## 1 Thessalonians 5:10-11 NIV

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**<sup>10</sup> HE DIED FOR US SO THAT, WHETHER WE ARE AWAKE OR ASLEEP, WE MAY LIVE TOGETHER WITH HIM.**

**<sup>11</sup> THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND BUILD EACH OTHER UP, JUST AS IN FACT YOU ARE DOING.**



## KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 4. The Lord will return like a thief in the night. Don't be deceived, watch and be sober.**
- 5. God has not appointed you to wrath but to receive salvation whether wake or asleep.**
- 6. Encourage one another in God's Word, edify your brothers and sisters in the love of Christ.**

# Liberating Lesson

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**People are worried about the economy, political agendas, wars, the general state of the world, city and survival.**

**How would you comfort someone stressed over these issues?**

# APPLICATION FOR ACTIVATION

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**This week, ask family, friends and others what they consider to be the biggest worries of the current times and this country. Listen Carefully Then ask them how these issues affect their lives and future. Use their response as a means of offering them the assurance of Life with Christ.**

# BIBLICAL STUDY RESOURCES

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- 1. NASB | NIV | NRSV STUDY BIBLE**
- 2. BIBLEREF.COM | BIBLESTUDYTOOLS.COM.**
- 3. 1 & 2 THESS. MACARTHUR NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY**
- 4. GOTQUESTIONS.ORG**
- 5. PRECEPTS FOR LIVING.**