



# Reasons for the Writing

1. Encouraging the Church (1:2-10)
2. Answering false allegations (2:1-12)
3. Comforting the flock (2:13-16)
4. Expressing joy in their faith (2:17-3:13)
5. Instructions regarding moral purity (4:1-8)
6. Condemning laziness ((4:9-12)



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7. Addressing the Lord's Coming  
(4:13-5:11)
8. Addressing tension in the flock  
(5:12-15)
9. Dealing with basic Christian living  
(5:16-22)



# The Day of the Lord

- 1 Thess 5:6-7
- 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.
- 7 For they that **sleep sleep** in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.
- The night represents those who are under the power of Satan and bound by the nature of sin. This does not include believers. To be drunken is a metaphor for those who are intoxicated by the activities of the culture.
- Watch – Beware of the signs of the Lord's coming. Beware of your spiritual health



# Are You Ready?

■ 1 Thess 5:8

■ 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

- Sober – Don't ingest anything that alters your thinking. Be discreet (careful), think before you speak, act, or respond. Be clear in your thinking about the Lord's return; be aware of the signs around you. Watch your personal life.
- Hope – To anticipate with pleasure
- Salvation – Soteria – rescue, deliverance, safety



# Who Escapes Wrath?

- 1 Thess 5:9
- 9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
- Wrath – Punishment, anger, vengeance
- The context here is dealing with the ‘**Day of the Lord**’, when Christ will return at his second coming and pour out wrath on the earth. The wrath of God was placed upon Jesus on the cross; therefore all those who receive Christ will not incur any wrath. Jesus suffered wrath for us. **Ref. (1Thess. 1:10)**





# Who Escapes Wrath?

- 1 Thess 5:10-11
- 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
- 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.
- The comfort that believers have, is that we escape the coming, impending doom, destined for the earth, because we are in Christ and will always be in him, whether we live or die.