Be Ready - A Study of 1 & 2 Thessalonians

“Ready or Not, Here I Come!”

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1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Introduction:
A. What childhood game included these words: “ready or not, here I come”? (_______ and _______)
B. In addition to being concerned about those who had _____, they were also concerned about when the _______ _______ was going to take place.

I. No One Can Predict the ______ of the Second Coming.
   A. Paul used two illustrations to convey the suddenness and unpredictability of the Second Coming.
      1. The _______ in the _______.
      2. The coming of _______ _______.
   B. Trying to figure out the date should be recognized for what it is - a _______.

II. Some People ______ Be Ready for the Second Coming.
   A. Paul employs a very powerful image to characterize those who will be ready and those who won’t - it is the image of ______ and _______.
   B. Paul associates night and darkness with _______ _______ and _______ behavior.

III. _____ Can Be Ready for the Second Coming.
   A. Because we are sons of the day, we must be _____ and _________.
   B. Paul ends this section giving the assurance that those who are ready will be greatly ________.

Conclusion:
A. Things to consider:
   1. Proper preparation for the Second Coming is ______ rather than ________.
   2. For believers, the Second Coming should cause ________, not ________.
   3. The only source of security is ______, not human abilities or institutions.
B. Things to do: The reality of the Second Coming should...
   1. Cause us to put our ______ in God and to live out our ________.
   2. Cause us to think about and talk about the ______ of Christ every ______.
   3. Cause us to _______ to be ready for His coming.