

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Let Us Keep Awake

Eyes wide open ...

I. Aware

- A. Jesus is Coming Again
- B. It Will be an Awesome Day

II. Alert

- A. Be Prepared
- B. Be Vigilant

III. Assured

- A. Christ Died for You
- B. It Will be a Great Day

... and watching for the Day.

Children, Listen ...

1. Where did Jesus go after He was resurrected?
2. The Bible teaches that Jesus will come back. Will everybody know it when He does?
3. What will happen on that day?
4. Should this scare those who believe in Jesus? Why or why not?
5. What is wrath? Why won't it be a day of wrath for those who trust Jesus?

The End of Times and Seasons

One of the undeniable tenets of true Christian faith is the impending return of Jesus in glory. As with all fundamental parts of true confession this is based on facts revealed to us in Scripture. But the truths that God reveals to us are often shrouded in mystery – they are mysteries revealed. Such is the case with the second coming of Christ. We are assured by God's Word that it will happen, and we are told a great deal of what will happen on that awesome day, but we are not told everything. Just when this will happen and exactly how everything will pan out on that Day is unknown to man, even to the most astute Biblical scholars. Yet the fact remains: righteous judgment is coming and it behooves us to be ready. God has given fair warning over and over again. For those who have not trusted in Christ this will be a great day of terror as the wrath of God is meted out on all unrighteousness. But as Paul points out in our text, for those who have trusted in Jesus, the wrath we deserve was meted out on Christ in His suffering and death, so that we might be saved ... now and in the Day of Judgment. We now live our lives for Him as we anticipate being with Him in bliss forever. Will this great and awesome day be for you a day of ecstatic bliss or a day of unmitigated terror?