

## CONCLUSION: A SHARP CONTRAST

Something stands out in this passage, those whom Paul singles out as "brethren". Notice it verse 4, **But you, brethren** ... 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him. 11 Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another...

- The Day of the Lord will be a glorious day, for those who have escaped to Jesus
- The Day of the Lord is not something to gloat, cheer and carnally enjoy; notice the heart of God towards it in 2 Peter 2:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.
- **Do we share the heart of whom we call our God in this?**

# CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

"HAVING BEEN BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF BEING THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE" - EPHESIANS 2:20

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## Announcements:

1. **Parents:** stay tuned for the announcement of a parenting, video series that we will be sharing with those interested on Sunday afternoons at our church building. Details will follow but you can approach Jason and Desire Tesser if interested
2. **Interested in church membership?** Please see Victor & Astrid Hernandez for a membership packet
3. **Prayer meeting this Wednesday at 7:00 PM.** Email prayer requests to Cheryl Reho [shorty1tcp@aol.com](mailto:shorty1tcp@aol.com).
4. Interested in fellowship outside of church services? Inquire about our Couples', Children, Men, Women & Youth Ministries, Miami Rescue Mission, Feed & Preach to the Homeless, Serendipity men's prayer meetings and women's book studies
5. Sermons, links, articles and very useful information is available at our website [www.cornerstonebiblechurch.com](http://www.cornerstonebiblechurch.com)

## OUR LOCATION:

In The Kendall Area  
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### Sunday Schedule:

9:30 AM Study of the Word of God  
11:00 AM Preaching of the Word of God  
**Wednesday:** 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting  
(Prayer flocks meet Every Last Wed.)

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

- Call To Worship – Psalm 148
- Praise to the Lord – Trinity Hymnal #50
- Consecutive Reading
- Intercessory Prayer
- Offering: Rock of Ages – Trinity Hymnal #421
- How Can I Keep From Singing Your Praise – Projector Screen
- Glorious Day – Projector Screen
- God is Good – Projector Screen

**I Thessalonians 17**  
**Are you ready for the end?**  
**I Thessalonians 5:1-11**

**Introduction:** a powerful earthquake struck Japan last Friday. These events usually trigger anxiety and bewilderment on both the religious and scientific sides

**Mt 24:7-8** "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes. 8 "But all these things are *merely* the beginning of birth pangs.

The Bible is more concerned about teaching us **how to live in light of those truths**, than with **entertaining us with details**

**Link:** the Thessalonians (**just like us**) wanted to know more about the end times What did Paul answer to them about the "when"?

**Text:** NAS 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11.

**Thesis:** Paul answers the Thessalonians' regarding the end times by pointing to its suddenness and cataclysmic nature while calling them to holy alertness

AN OUTLINE FOR THIS SECTION

- I. The time: when it is not expected 1-5
- II. The consequence: be ready, live holy and be on the alert 6-8
- III. The motivation: we are destined for salvation and not for wrath 9-11

**Context:** Περὶ δὲ "concerning" Paul is answering a third question

**Times and epochs: "chromos" and "kairos"** I would not make too much of the use of both words in this text, Paul is just answering a question

**No need for an answer:** Perhaps a mild rebuke to their curiosity; this was a subject he had spoken about in person

**Semblance with Jesus' words:** comp Matthew 24 "The Olivet Discourse"

**4 Characteristics about the Day of the Lord**

1. **It will be a Deceptive Day:** "like a thief in the night"

The Day of the Lord will start "**just like another day**". Comp **Mt 24: 37-44** "For this reason you be ready too; for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not think He will."

Jesus will show up when He is least expected comp Lk 17:24-30

2. **It will be a Deceiving Day:** when they say "peace and safety"

The Thessalonians as privileged Roman Citizens enjoyed the "Pax Romana". "Peace and safety" will be the **buzzwords**, at the time when Christ returns

Practical: just like then there will be those who preach peace, prosperity, health and wealth, but God has declared war to the wicked. **Jer 6:10-11, Ez 13:11,16.**

Today's Gospel seems concern about this too, but when Christ returns "will he find faith on earth?" Mt 24:12, Lk 18:8

3. **It will be a Devastating Day:** destruction will come upon them suddenly

We are not given too many details in our text about THIS destruction ὄλεθρος ,complete ruin), but the Bible does speak about the terrible cataclysmic events that will take place. **Rev 12:12-17**

Peter describes in these words: **2 Pe 3:7-10** ... 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

4. **That "day" is Inescapable: they shall not escape!**

God has appointed a "day" in history (and let us not think of it, as a 24 hour period necessarily), in which He will bring human existence as we know it today to an end.

And just as the fire and brimstone consumed all of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboim, except for Lot and his two daughters, the flood destroyed the whole earth except for Noah and his family, so that day will take all except for those written in the book of the lamb Rev 20:11-ff