

Study Guide

Lesson 7

“Walk With Your Eyes Open”



Jesus Christ both unites and divides. Those who have trusted Him as Savior are united in Christ as God’s children. We are members of His body and “all one in Christ Jesus” (Gal. 3:28). When Jesus Christ returns in the air, we shall be “caught up together” (1 Thes. 4:17) never to be separated again.

But Christ is also a divider. “So there was a division among the people because of Him” (John 7:43; 9:16; 10:19). Faith in Jesus Christ not only unites us to other believers; it also separates us spiritually from the rest of the world. Jesus said, “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world” (John 17:16). There is a difference between believers who are looking for the Lord’s return and the people of the world; it is this theme that Paul developed in this section.

His purpose was to encourage the believers to live holy lives in the midst of their pagan surroundings. He did this by pointing out the contrasts between believers and unbelievers.

Knowledge and Ignorance **5:1-2**

Three phrases catch our attention:

1. Times and _____ (5:1)
2. The _____ of the Lord (5:2)
3. Thief in the _____ (5:2)

Expectancy and Surprise **5:3-5**

1. Paul uses a common illustration off the mindset of the world and how the Lord will return. He says it will “come on them suddenly, as _____ on a _____ (5:3)
2. Read 2 Peter 3:3-4. People scoff at the return of Jesus because of the time factor, “Where is the _____ of His _____?”
3. Paul uses two phrases to describe the Christians in Thessalonica. What are they? _____ of the _____ and _____ of the _____” (5:5)

Alertness and Drunkenness **5:6-8**

1. Paul wants the Thessalonians to know the difference in being of the day and being of the night. If you are of the night you _____ and _____. If you are of the day you are _____, _____ - _____, putting on _____ and _____ (5:6,8)
2. Paul gives two soldier references to describe how to live as a son of the light: (1) put on love and faith as a _____ and hope as a _____.

Salvation and Judgment **5:9-11**

1. God did not appoint the saved to suffer _____ (5:9)
2. Salvation comes through _____ (5:9)
3. He died so that whether we are _____ or _____ we may lie together with him. Therefore _____ and _____ (5:11).