

“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”



“NOT APPOINTED TO WRATH”

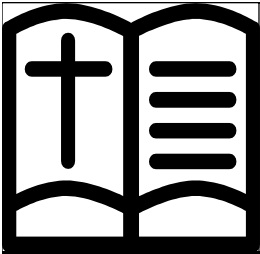
1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

I. THE DAY OF THE LORD IS COMING

- A. *What makes a “day” a day of the LORD?*
- B. *There are many days of the LORD in Scripture*
- C. *But there is one Day of the LORD that is mentioned several times in the Scripture*
 - 1. *It is a day of destruction, day of gloom, a day of wrath*
 - 2. *It is the final earthly judgment of the nations*
 - 3. *It comes as a “thief in the night”; it is totally surprising*
 - 4. *It comes suddenly during a time of perceived peace by those who do not know the LORD*
 - 5. *It is inescapable; when started it is unstoppable*
- D. *It is not supposed to surprise believers as we have been given advanced warning*
- E. *There is a way of living that we are to practice because we have been given advanced warning*
 - 1. *Know your identity; be it*
 - 2. *Stay awake and be sober*
 - 3. *Practice faith, hope and love*

II. WE ARE NOT APPOINTED TO WRATH

- A. *God’s wrath in 2 forms*
 - 1. *Gracious wrath - disciplinary*
 - a. *God’s grace allowing rebels to do what they want and allowing consequences to follow*
 - b. *God removing His resistance*



2. Active wrath - punitive

- a. Rebellion has stepped over the line and is now harming all around them
- b. God now hardens hearts and refuses to grant any repentance
- c. God now actively pursues the destruction of the rebellious culture; it is unstoppable - no amount of prayer from even the just will change it

B. *Is this pandemic God's wrath?*

1. The long-suffering of God and the misinterpretation of man
2. Failure to grasp what living with God as sinners really is
3. The earth is the Lord's and fullness thereof...
4. If God chose to take any lives at all, the wages of sin is death...

C. *Saved from what? The wrath of God coming in a day of judgment on the world for our neglect, dishonor, distrust and sinful actions that came from it!*

1. It is abject aloneness
2. It is permanent abandonment from God
3. It is all the pain that sin could bring in eternity
4. It is complete hopelessness
5. It is complete helplessness
6. It will never change!

D. *We were children of wrath like the rest!*

Christ bore the wrath of God on the cross!