

A Journey to the Greek city of Thessalonica

Following in the Footsteps of Paul

"After that, we who are still alive and are left
will be caught up together with them in the clouds
to meet the Lord in the air.
And so we will be with the Lord forever."
~1 Thessalonians 4:17

1 Thessalonians Ch. 5: "What Is the Day of the Lord?"

Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,
Thank you for bringing us together in your name.
Bless our time together as we seek to be more like the image of Christ.
We know that your word is trustworthy and true. Open our hearts and minds to the wisdom of your word.
Let your truth guide our thoughts, words and actions daily so that we can share it with those we encounter.
We ask these things in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Study Guide Group Questions: 1 Thessalonians 5

- 1) In verse 2 Paul refers to the phrase "the day of the Lord." What day/days is Paul referring to in this verse?
- 2) Looking again at verse 2, Paul states that this "day of the Lord" is going to come "like a thief in the night." What significant event in the Old Testament serves as a foreshadowing of the eventual coming of the day of the Lord like a thief in the night?

- 3) In verse 3, what significance does the analogy of using "labor pains of a pregnant woman" have to do with the day of the Lord?
- 4) What verse in the Book of Revelation supports the statement that Paul makes in verse 9 about the believers in Christ not experiencing the wrath of the Tribulation that's to come?
- 5) I've learned the journey of a true Christian is not about the absence of suffering (John 16:33) but rather the presence of Jesus. With that in mind, how are we as Christians to interpret verses 16-18?

- 6) In verses 19-22, Paul speaks of the spirit and that we ought to always test every spirit? How does a Christian go about testing the spirits? Why is this point of "testing the spirits" a good point to examine as part of these letters to the Thessalonians?

Closing Prayer

May the LORD bless us and keep us.

May the LORD make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

May the LORD lift up His countenance towards us and give us His peace,

The kind of peace that can only come from the Prince of Peace,

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.