

1 Thessalonians 5 Study Guide

As it has been with some previous lessons, it is important for us to back up just a few verses and study them along with the next chapter. Remember the chapter divisions were added much later for the readers benefit. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 along with 1 Thessalonians 5. Read them over couple of times. Pray and ask God to bless your time in His word.

1. Let's look at 1 Thess. 4:13-18 along with 1 Thess. 5:1-4; what is the subject that Paul is addressing in this section of scripture?
2. What is the hope that Paul shares with them in 4:14?
3. List the chain of events Paul gives them in verses 15-17.
4. What are we to do with this hope? Vs. 18
5. According to 1 Thess. 5:1-2 when will the Lord return?
6. What will be going on in the world around us as this time approaches?
7. What should we be busy doing until the Lord returns? Jesus told a parable in Matthew 25:1-13 to illustrate the importance of being prepared. There were 10 bridesmaids, 5 were _____ and were _____, 5 were _____ and _____.
8. What does Paul call those who follow Christ in verse 5?
9. On what would you say Paul is basing the assurance of their hope?

The word "asleep" from verse 6 is the word *Katheudo* in the Greek.

The translation is - those who are sleeping,

- euphemistically - to be dead
- metaphorically - still yielding to sloth and sin, indifferent to one's salvation.

Underline the text showing the two things Paul is calling us to do? Vs. 6

Now define

1. Be alert- *gregoreuo*
2. Self-controlled- *nepho*
10. What instructions are believers given in verse 8?
11. What is the purpose of a breastplate?
12. What is the purpose of a helmet? (you might want to read Eph.6:17 also)

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13. Look up the words “faith”, “love” and “hope” in order to gain a greater understanding of the assurance we are instructed to focus on.

Faith-Pistis-

Love-agape-

Hope-Elpis-

Now that you have looked up several words in the Greek do you see how it clarifies the text in a richer more meaningful way and gives us a greater understanding as to what Paul through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is trying to show us?

14. What does Paul instruct us to do with the truth he has shared? Vs.11
How crucial can this be when offered at just the right time? It is a beautiful and precious treasure to behold. Proverbs 25:11 A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver
15. Write a list of the 17 things mentioned in verses 12-22. What are the Thessalonians and us to be active doing? It might help you to see them if you underline the instructions on the text first then go back and list them.
16. Explain in your own words what Paul is asking them to do.
17. What would it look like if we respect those who God has placed over us as a spiritual leader or head?
18. Who are the spiritual leaders over you and how do you show them this kind of respect?
19. According to verses 23-28 what are the desires of Paul’s heart for these believers?
20. Do you have people you desire to see God bless as Paul did the believers at Thessalonica?
21. Do your prayers reflect this heartfelt desire?
22. What have you learned about the Lord from your study of 1 Thessalonians?
23. Who wrote this letter?
24. What was the author’s purpose in writing to the believers at Thessalonica?
25. How has the study of 1 Thessalonians changed your walk of faith?
- 2 Peter 3:18 “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen”