

# Letters to the Thessalonians

Feb 26, 2020 to April 1, 2020

First Redeemer Church

Wednesday nights

**SESSION 4 – March 18, 2020**

In Studio

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# Schedule for Letters to the Thessalonians

|   | Dates        | Chapters covered          |  |
|---|--------------|---------------------------|--|
| ✓ | Feb 26, 2020 | 1 Thess Intro - Ch 1 & 2A |  |
| ✓ | Mar 4, 2020  | 1 Thess Ch 2B -3          |  |
| ✓ | Mar 11, 2020 | 1 Thess Chapters 4-5A     |  |
| ✓ | Mar 18, 2020 | 1 Thess Chapter 5         |  |
|   | Mar 25, 2020 | 2 Thess Ch 1-2A           |  |
|   | Apr 1, 2020  | 2 Thess Ch 2B-3           |  |

## This is what we said we would cover in Session 4

- We will look at Chapter 5 and finish 1 Thessalonians
  - Day of the Lord
  - Night people and Day people
  - Growing a healthy flock – responsibilities of all
  - Final Thoughts of Paul in this letter
  - Set the stage for 2 Thessalonians
  - Please read ahead, and either ask me Q's or send me Questions that you want answered

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# Wrath of God

## References in 1 Thessalonians

### 1 Thess 1:10

- ...<sup>10</sup> and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from **the coming wrath**.

### 1Thess 2:15

- ...They displease God and are hostile to everyone <sup>16</sup> in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. **The wrath of God** has come upon them at last.

### 1 Thess 5:9

- <sup>9</sup> For God **did not appoint us to suffer wrath** but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

## What then is the **Wrath of God**?

- If you look through all the hundreds of times this word is used in the OT and NT, **it always means God's punishment as divine retribution for willful disobedience to God.**
- This punishment reaches its Biblical Climax on what is called the **"Day of the Lord" or the "Day of God's Wrath"**

# 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3 (NIV)

The Day of the Lord

**5** Now, brothers and sisters, **about times and dates we do not need to write to you,**

**<sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.**

**<sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” **destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.****

# 1 Thess 5: 4-11

- <sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.
- <sup>5</sup> **You are all children of the light and children of the day.** We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.
- <sup>6</sup> So then, **let us not be like others, who are asleep**, but let us be awake and sober.
- <sup>7</sup> For those who **sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.**
- <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, **let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.**
- <sup>9</sup> **For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.**
- <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, **whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.**
- <sup>11</sup> Therefore **encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.**

## **In Christ Alone, by Keith and Kristen Getty**

*In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
**The wrath of God was satisfied**  
**For every sin on Him was laid**  
**Here in the death of Christ I live***

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# 1 Thess 5:12-18

## Final Instructions

**12** Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to **acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you.**

**13** **Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work.** Live in peace with each other.

**14** And we urge you, brothers and sisters, **warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone.**

**15** **Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong,** but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

**16** **Rejoice always,**

**17** **pray continually,**

**18** **give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.**

# 1 Thess 5:19-28

**<sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit.**

**<sup>20</sup> Do not treat prophecies with contempt**

**<sup>21</sup> but test them all; hold on to what is good,**

**<sup>22</sup> reject every kind of evil.**

**<sup>23</sup> May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**<sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.**

**<sup>25</sup> Brothers and sisters, pray for us.**

**<sup>26</sup> Greet all God's people with a holy kiss.**

**<sup>27</sup> I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters.**

**<sup>28</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.**