

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon notes for January 4-5 1997

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"Don't Walk in Your Sleep"

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Those who have trusted in Christ as God's children are united in Christ (Galatians 3:28)

Christ not only unites, He also divides (John 7:43; 10:17-19)

His purpose in these verses is to encourage believers to live holy lives in the midst of our surroundings. He does this by pointing out the contrasts between believers and unbelievers.

Knowledge and ignorance

"TIMES AND THE EPOCHS" - "Times" (CHRONOI) emphasizes time in respect to the day and the hour. "Epochs" (KAIROI) emphasizes events that will happen in respect to time.

"THE DAY OF THE LORD" (Isaiah 2:12; 13:6,9; Ezekiel 13:5; 30:3; Joel 1:15; 2:1, 11, 31; 3:14; Amos 5:18 (twice), 20; Obadiah 15; Zephaniah 1:7, 14 (twice); Zechariah 14:1; Malachi 4:5; Acts 2:20; here in 1 Thessalonians 5:2; 2 Thessalonians 2:2; 2 Peter 3:10)

The Day of the Lord is always associated with the judgment of God, (check all above references)

The Day of the Lord when used in the Old Testament to refer to a future judgment by God can refer to either a near or far judgment of God, or both

The expression "Day of the Lord" though involving other nations, exclusively concerns God's purposes for the nation of Israel (check all above references)

The church will not go through the Day of the Lord (2 Thessalonians 2:2)

"A THIEF IN THE NIGHT" - Describes the suddenness and the surprise involved in the coming of the Day of the Lord.