

I THESSALONIANS 5; Novembr 9; Miscellaneous Exhortations

ANALYSIS:

1. What are we to understand when Paul writes that the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night? _____
2. What are God's children appointed or chosen to? What are they not appointed to? _____
3. What four services of love for the brethren did Paul exhort the Thessalonians to engage in? _____

4. What verse admonishes believers to search the Scriptures to check out what they hear preached? _____
5. What did Paul pray would be kept blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

One important aspect of the will of God for every believer is clearly shown in this chapter. "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (v 18). This is a clear command of Scripture. God expects his children to be offering up thanksgiving to him every day and for every thing. Is God expecting too much?! Not at all. Considering all the spiritual and natural blessings that he has so graciously and generously poured out upon us, we ought to be running over with thanksgiving to him.

Do you make thanksgiving to your heavenly Father a priority in your life? You may be thankful, but do you specifically emphasize the giving of thanks to the Lord each day? You should! God expects it and commands it. If you haven't been in the habit of verbally thanking the Lord a number of times each day, start today. This will be one of the best habits you ever formed, and God will be pleased.

HELP:

1. That the day of the Lord would come suddenly without any warning (vs 2-4).
2. God's children are appointed to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ; they are not appointed to wrath (v 9).
3. Warn the unruly; comfort the feebleminded; support the weak; be patient toward all men (v 14).
4. "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." (v 21).
5. Each of the Thessalonians' whole spirit and soul and body (v 23).