



# 1 Thessalonians 5

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### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10

Paul charged the Thessalonians continually in his letter to have an attitude of expectancy, and this theme rings truer in chapter 5 than in any other previous chapters. The Christian is charged to be expectant of the sudden coming of Christ for His Church at a time when the world is saying peace, peace. The Christian is able to stay alert by knowing the times and seasons of the culture we are living in as well as the Lord's prophetic Calendar, Matthew 16:1-3. The coming of the Day of the Lord is not a single day but it is a period of time which the Lord's prophetic Calendar for the end of this age accelerates, it will be sudden, Matthew 24. The reason for Paul's exhortation to a holy and set apart lifestyle is because, as Christians we are a new creation, one which our old life and the darkness we walked around in are supposed to be behind us and taken off, Ephesians 5.

### 1 Thessalonians 5:11-15

The principles which the Lord establishes and causes us to stand firm by how we comfort and edify one another. Comforting and Edifying others is something that any Christian at any point of their life and up to any point that the Lord has Sanctified them up till at that time, is capable in doing and showing towards others. Therefore, Christianity is not a spectator sport, but it is active and vibrant. The Lord also further sanctifies the individual and the Church by those the Lord has entrusted and called to Equip the Church, Ephesians 4:11. The Church is thoroughly equipped by those the Lord calls, and the Lord calls those who are servants, who are trusted caretakers and stewards, and are able to warn as a big brother ought to warn; and the Lord does not call the Church to follow these individuals blindly, but to be wise and discern if they are walking according to their calling which is made evident in Scripture.

As the Body of Christ every individual again has a role of ministering to others, and the way we minister differs based upon the state of the person who needs ministry, but all ministry is to be grounded and centered around the Word of God which is powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword. For every individual there are practical steps which Paul leaves us with so that we may continue with one another and with the Lord in peace.

### 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

Standing firm till the end, Paul reminds the Thessalonians that it is Christ who sanctifies and completes them, that this is nothing they can do on their own part and have no boasting in. It's Christ who also preserves the believer as He sanctifies and the best we can do for others is to pray for them and love one another encouraging others in the same words of the whole Gospel which we've received and which we do not change for our purposes or for someone else's pleasure.