1Thess #111

Walk as children of light not darkness.

Open back up today in 1Thessalonians chapter five. We will read through the first 7 verses and get our focus back upon the letters to Thessalonica.

1Thes 5:1 Now as to the periods and times, brothers *and sisters,* you have no need *of anything* to be written to you.

[1Th 5:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/2/s_1116002) For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord is coming just like a thief in the night.

As we have covered in recent lessons, the Apostle Paul and then Timothy had given this congregation detailed teaching on the series of events of the end times.

It was their responsibility to maintain and study that which they had been taught.

The leadership of the congregation strayed from the chain of command and allowed false doctrine into their midst.

[1Th 5:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/3/s_1116003) While they are saying, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction will come upon them like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

The Apostle Paul is now repeating doctrines already taught months before.

/1Thes 5:3 – before the Rapture there will be government and religious leaders attempting to control and regulate peace, safety and ideologies in society. This will be done under greater pressure for globalism (one world dominance). That same effort and control will escalate into the 7 years of Tribulation.\

The funny part about this attempt to maintain control and have peace and safety, is it excludes GOD. Mankind is incapable of ever having ultimate power and control of the earth; therefore tyranny, wars and chaos will always erupt.

Only GOD brings the ultimate peace and safety.

[1Th 5:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/4/s_1116004) But you, brothers *and sisters,* are not in darkness, so that the day would overtake you like a thief;

/[1Th 5:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/5/s_1116005) for **you are all sons of light and sons of day.** We are not of night nor of darkness;\

[1Th 5:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/6/s_1116006) so then, let’s not sleep as others do, but let’s be alert and sober.

The Apostle Paul is pulling these Bels back toward the truth of BD and away from counterfeits and lies.

Reminding them of the truth they already learned. Reminding them who they are in union with Christ.

[1Th 5:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/7/s_1116007) For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk, get drunk at night.

/Verse 4 — “*But you are not in darkness”* Bels with BD are not deceived by this type of false teaching. The Apostle Paul is stating you are in union with Christ, the coming Tribulation is a darkness you do not enter into. These Bels had heard of seasons, times and dispensations, they had been warned of what it will look like. \

The darkness is a characteristic of not only the Tribulation, but it highlighted Unbels and those following doctrines of demons.

The Apostle Paul is saying once again, You Thessalonian Believers are not in the Tribulation, you are not in darkness, you are in the Church Age.

Beyond that, you are all children of GOD!

You cannot be overtaken by this day because you are removed from the world. When the Rapture of the Church takes place then this sudden destruction will come. This sudden destruction therefore cannot come at the present time simply because the Church is still here with the restraining ministry of the God the Holy Spirit.

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/[1Th 5:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/5/s_1116005) *for* ***you are all sons of light and sons of day.*** *We are not of night nor of darkness;*

This is written in a plural pronoun, referring to ALL BELS – winner or loser. Regardless of who you are, what you have done, how you have failed, ALL BELS are - *children of light.\*

All Bels are the personal representative of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ambassadors and the future bride of Christ, as His personal representative and future bride you are here for the purpose of glorifying Him through the witness of your life.

Through the witness of your lips.

Through the execution of the supernatural Christian way of life; “*and the children of the day*” — is a reference to the day of the Lord Jesus Christ which is the Church Age. This is your time of execution in GOD’s plan.

/“*we are not of the night, nor of darkness”* — we are not in the Tribulation, we are in the Church Age. We are here to represent the Lord Jesus Christ as long as we live in this temporal situation. We should have the attitude of this being our privilege and our joy to represent Him. Many Bels do not even care or take time to think about how they represent Christ.\

Jump over to 1John chapter one RF.

Every Believer is the representative of the Lord Jesus Christ after salvation. We are responsible to function under those things which He has provided at the moment of salvation. (40 Grace Gifts)

He has provided everything we need in order to glorify Him in time.

Many Bels lose sight that they are in the perfect light of God’s divine power and HIS divine nature…we are in union with Christ. Yesterday’s failure does not exclude you from being a child of GOD, a son or daughter of light…true light.

You have to realize and desire the light of BD…you have to walk in your new nature more so than the old nature and become a light for others as well.

The symbolism of divine light is seen through the perfect person and work of Jesus Christ.

In fact, divine light is what covered the earth in its re-creation period.

God cleansed the earth from fallen angels and dealt with their salvation at some point and the power of HIS divine light opened up a new reshaping and molding of the earth we now live upon.

/Gen 1:3 Then God said, “**Let there be light”**; and there was light.

The earth was thrown into darkness at some point during the angelic rebellion. It was GOD who began to bring forth perfect creation first with HIS light. \

When GOD moves over something or someone with HIS perfect light it exposes all darkness and cleanses that which needs cleaning and healing.

Because God is a GOD of freedom and liberty you can reject HIS light.

Many angels remained fallen under the authority of Satan as many human beings reject TLJC and continue in darkness each and every day!

God’s light is the true…the original and the pure, and that is what we are filled with at the moment of salvation.

/Ecc 11:7 **The light is pleasant**, and *it is* good for the eyes to see the sun.

God’s purity and righteousness is seen symbolically through the power and illumination of the sun. \

In 1John chapter one it is addressed to Bels.

/1Jhn 1:5 This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that **God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.**

Darkness represents the OSN, demonic influence is a journey into darkness.\

God has called us out of that and into a divine light within HIM.

Bels make a choice to either walk in darkness or light…yet even when we reject the light after salvation, God has given us new nature in TLJC.

/1Jhn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him and ***yet* walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;**

Truth of BD is the divine light, all other manifestations of light are counterfeits and shifting shadows. \

[1Jo 1:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/1/7/s_1160007) but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Fellowship speaks to intimacy and Bels cannot have intimacy with God or even one another if the darkness of the OSN is in control.

/[1Jo 1:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/1/8/s_1160008) **If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves**and the truth is not in us.

The perfect ONE went to the cross for the sins of the world. ALL BELS, deal with the temporal, temptation of the OSN.\

Bels deceive themselves when they reject the filling power of the HS.

Bels can never gain true momentum in their spiritual walk when they do not have the two power options working in their daily lives.

[1Jo 1:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/1/9/s_1160009) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous, so that He will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[1Jo 1:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1jo/1/10/s_1160010) If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

The lie against the truth is sin – exactly what we looked at last lesson in the book of James.

No one is able to live every day - every year in sinless perfection.

/Jhn 8:12 Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, **“I am the Light of the world;** the **one who follows Me will not walk in the darkness,** but will have the Light of life.”

There is no spiritual life in your temporal walk if you are not habitually walking in your union with Christ. \

/1Tim 6:15 which He will bring about at *the* proper time—**He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords**, 16 who alone possesses immortality and **dwells in unapproachable light**, whom no one has seen or can see. To Him *be* honor and eternal dominion! Amen.\

This speaks to the uniqueness of TLJC.

Pointing us to HIS deity.

/Unapproachable light – *aprositos phōs,*

A unique term used once in NT writings, related to the doctrine of Hypostatic Union. The unique God-man Jesus Christ, is the same GOD of the universe who created the foundations of the world.\

AH-POSSE-TOS, FOE-SE, this means an inapproachable light, inaccessible, no man can approach or be like GOD.

This is why are union with Christ is so supernatural.

The Triune GOD is dwelling within us at the moment of salvation and with Christ in the CA we are called into a unique union with HIM.

Because the WORD became flesh and dwelt among us – the WORD we study is a divine illumination for our life.

The gospel is called light in 2Cor 4:3-4, also in 2Timothy 1:10;

/2Cor 4:3 And **even if our gospel is veiled,** it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case **the god of this world has blinded the minds** of the unbelieving so that they will not see the **light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God**. (2Tim 1:10)

The divine light is covered and counterfeited by demonic forces. \

The light of GOD is everywhere all around us you have to simply open yourself up to it!

Satan and his fallen army have created distractions and counterfeits to cover the light but that is only temporary.

Being saved by faith in Jesus Christ brings the Believer out of darkness into light —

/Luke 1:78 Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which **the
the Sunrise from on high will visit us,** 79 **To shine on those who sit in darkness** and the shadow of death, **To guide our
feet into the way of peace**.”

Zechariah, father of John the Baptist, proclaimed that the birth of Christ is the only true sunrise for darkness, the only guide for a lost world. \

Christ is the saving light for a lost and dying world…there is no other light.

/1Pet 2:9 But you are A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *GOD’S* OWN POSSESSION, so that **you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;\**

Light is used to portray Bible doctrine in the soul through the intake of the WORD of light and the filling power of the HS —

/Psa 119:105 **Your word is a lamp** to my feet And **a light to my path**.

Psa 119:130 The **unfolding of Your words gives light**; It gives understanding to the simple.\

Psa 119 is an acrostic psalm using the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet. Many of you have been with me long enough to remember when I covered this a few years back.

/Psa 43:3 **Send out Your light and Your truth, they shall lead me**; They shall
bring me to Your holy hill And to Your dwelling places.

Eph 5:8 for **you were once darkness**, but **now you are light** in the Lord; **walk as children of light**\

The only source of true light is BD the source of guidance and wisdom.

You can not walk as children of light from your flesh or with cosmic viewpoint.

The light is reflecting the nature of Christ which means you are filled with God the HS and the mind of Christ is active in your life.

We build our Edification Complex of the Soul by allowing the light of Bible Doctrine to dominate our soul.

1 John 2:1-14 speaks to these exact principles of walking in the light so as not to lulled into the darkness.

As does Romans 13-

/Rom 13:12 The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore let’s **rid ourselves of the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light**. 13 Let’s behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and debauchery, not in strife and jealousy.

The comparison is in the OSN even on our best day, we are the same as carousing in drunkenness or promiscuity in the night.\

The importance of being in the word and growing inside the plan of GOD, operating in the new nature is our calling.

Anything else is a form of foolishness and strife. It is a walk in darkness.

/[Rom 13:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/rom/13/14/s_1059014) But **put on the Lord Jesus** **Christ**, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to *its* lusts.

Many NT scriptures point us to the two power options with an emphasis on the filling power of God the HS.\

You are either walking in darkness or light at any given moment of your day.

Your positive volition toward the light of truth dictates your growth.

Light depicts the Believer’s entrance into the true spiritual life —

/2Cor 4:6 For God, who said**, “Light shall shine out of darkness,**” is the One who has shone in our hearts **to give the Light of the knowledge** of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Spiritual growth is only achieved when the LIGHT of Christ (HIS mind) is your guiding and deciding factor of life. \

/Eph 5:14 For this reason it says,
“**Awake, sleeper**, And arise from the dead, And **Christ will shine on you**.” 15 So then, **be careful how you walk**, not as unwise people but as wise,

It is never too late to wake up and shake up your dark journey and step toward the LIGHT of truth.\

Bel if you are alive and breathing do not stay in that darkness…GOD is calling you into light.

/[Eph 5:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/5/16/s_1102016) making the **most of your time**, because **the days are evil**.

Time is one of the most valuable gifts GOD gives us - it is a great form of wealth, do not squander it! You cannot run the spiritual race once you are on your death bed. \