1Thess #112

Divine armor protects the soul of the Believer.

Please keep Donna in prayer.

PRB Ministry Bible Conference is in November (11th and 12th ).

We will open back up in 1Thess 5 where we left off;

1Thes 5:3 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.

Mankind is incapable of bringing forth world peace and world safety, it is only GOD who can bring in perfection.

Mankind will attempt this in vain, because under the surface it is all about Satan’s rise to power over a one world system.

Satan can only be at one place at one time he is not at all like GOD …omnipresent.

The closer we get to the end times the more you will see a stronger push toward globalism.

[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;

ALL Bels will be taken up in the Rapture just before the 7 years of Tribulation kicks off.

The Bels at Thessalonica had already been taught the chain of events leading up to the 2nd Advent of Christ.

[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 giving another repetitive lesson - that no man knows exact times, dates or key players in the end times. We are given historical trends, there are seasons and changes that we can see on the horizon.

All prophecy is written in the Bible.

/The completed canon of scripture is our guide; the mind of Christ (Bible Doctrine) is the Church Age form of prophetic warnings. Jesus (humanity) was clear no one would have accurate prophecy on the end times other than scripture. We would have to discern through spiritual growth and being consistent in the WORD.\

[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.

/[1Th 5:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/8/s_1116008) But **since we are of *the* day, let’s be sober,** having **put on** the breastplate of **faith and love**, and as a helmet, the **hope** of salvation.\

In verse 7 — “*For those who sleep, sleep at night”* — the night time here is anticipating the direction the Apostle Paul will go in, with the second epistle to this congregation.

Darkness is pointing to evil across the world, a time when the power of the HS will no longer restrain evil.

/1Thes 5:7 – *sleep at night* –

A reference to the Tribulation in contrast to the Church Age, the CA is still illuminated with the divine light of Bels and the restraining power of the Holy Spirit. Light and darkness are used several ways in the letters to the Thessalonians. Sleep and drunkenness as well, are referencing trends and glaring differences between the CA and Tribulation.\

The Tribulation is a period of darkness on the earth. We are living in the daylight, not in the Tribulation.

This is one thing that the Apostle Paul emphasizes in both epistles to the Thessalonians, that the Church does not go through the Tribulation.

/Bels must orient themselves to the dispensation they live in. We are not living in the darkness of the Tribulation though it is being built around us. The reference to drunkenness and sleeping speak to a person who is disoriented. We are called to be alert; we should know what is going on around us. Your intake of accurate BD will determine your level of maturity which is directly correlated to your spiritual discernment. \

There is the darkness of ignorance the Apostle Paul is pointing to. Today just as back then, many Bels are wandering around in their ignorance as if they are drunk at night, stumbling in the darkness.

Christians who are uneducated and uninformed are just as blind and confused as Unbels.

/Drunkenness is a sin, having a drink of alcohol is normal for an adult with no issues of addiction. Just as sleeping is normal yet excessive sleeping (laziness) can become a sin. The Apostle Paul is now beginning to deal with a lesson on the result of following false doctrine which leads Bels into spiritual darkness and spiritual drunkenness – confusion.\

He is now taking them back to basics.

That is all a Bel who is backsliding can do, go back to basics! Get back to the ground at the beginning of your spiritual walk.

[1Th 5:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/8/s_1116008) *But* ***since we are of the day, let’s be sober*** ;

To be of the day means the Church does not go through the Tribulation.

We “*who are of the day”* – Bels (children of light) who belong to this dispensation, have our calling in the CA, to fight the good fight and remain vigilant, until we are either called home to be with the LORD - or the Rapture takes us up.

The second concept here is the fact that no Christian should be in blissful ignorance about what dispensation they live in.

/1Thess 5:8-*let’s be sober*  (*nēphō*)— the present active, subjunctive verb which connotes inner mental stability.

Present tense – you keep on having stability.

Active voice - you are the one responsible for this action (free will).

Subjunctive mood – it is conditional, maybe you will, maybe you won’t (similar 3rd class condition). \

NEP-FOE, this Greek verb points to a calm assurance, a stability of mind.

It is a present tense, which means keep on being sober, or make it a habit to be mentally stabilized.

The habitual concept means that no matter what your circumstance, good, bad or ugly, be habitually stable, be a Bel who is steadfast in thought.

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In order to do so we have to put on something…the full armor of God.

The subjunctive mood indicating the potential is there, this is dependent upon the BEL making the right decisions — mental stability is only potential.

Maybe you will - maybe you won’t? It is a strong probability you will, but it comes down to your own freedom of choice.

/Mental stability depends on getting doctrine and using it, *“putting on the breastplate of faith and love.”* *“Putting on”* is an aorist tense, means it is already there, it often times points to a past tense. If we are ever going to have a stabilized mental attitude we have to take what GOD already gave us and learn to live in it! \

Jump over to Ephesians chapter six as a reminder of the full armor of God.

If we are going to serve the Lord in the divine light we must use the techniques given to us. These are not the only techniques but the full armor of God represents how we march forward in divine service.

We must utilize the promises and doctrines of God — application and understanding of the 40 grace gifts given at salvation come into view.

In Ephesians chapter six…The Apostle Paul was given this insight by God the HS during his many hours spent in Roman captivity.

/The Apostle Paul’s curse of Roman captivity and several times being arrested, became a blessing for his ministry of teaching. The full armor of God was a divinely inspired doctrinal teaching tool, taken from the military attire of Roman Guards whom Paul had very close contact with on many occasions. \

Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

Your strength is in TLJC…being in the new nature, thinking and applying BD.

/[Eph 6:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/6/11/s_1103011) **Put on the full armor of God**, so that **you will be able to stand firm** against the schemes of the devil.

Mental stability that comes from BD circulating in the soul can withstand demonic attacks & cosmic distractions. \

[Eph 6:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/6/12/s_1103012) For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places.*

/Eph 6:12 - *Because our combat is not against blood and flesh (average human beings), but against high-ranking demonic forces*, *against demon officers*, *against demon possessed ambassadors (human) of darkness*, *against the spirit forces of evil who still have access to heavenly places.*\

That is the Pastor Rick translation.

We do not view spiritual warfare from human perspective.

By human ambassadors for Satan that has 3 categories:

Those willfully possessed and depending upon Satan and his army to guide them.

They can be the average neighbor down the block or the Senator in government or a king or queen, those in leadership can be practicing Luciferians.

The second - is an Ubel who dabbles in dark practices maybe even addiction, without realizing the depth of what they allow in their life.

The third - can be an Unbel or even a Bel who is heavily influenced by Satan and his army, because they reject truth so vehemently. They live for self.

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[Eph 6:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/6/13/s_1103013) Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Standing firm means we have a mental stability and calm assurance through BD.

/[Eph 6:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/6/14/s_1103014) Stand firm therefore, having **belted your waist with truth**, and having put on **the breastplate of righteousness**,

The intake of BD is what helps you stand strong, metabolized doctrine. The truth is BD in the soul, the breastplate speaks to true faith (faith-rest) which protects the soul structure.\

/[Eph 6:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/6/15/s_1103015) and having **strapped on your feet**the preparation of **the gospel of peace;**

The gospel of Jesus Christ is your foundation that you stand in!\

Foundations do not shift or change otherwise the building collapses.

/[Eph 6:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/6/16/s_1103016) in addition to all, **taking up the shield of faith**with which you will be able to extinguish **all the flaming arrows of the evil *one****.*

The shield of faith points to a level of maturity where the fruit of the Spirit is active. Application of BD blocks the satanic attacks.\

Flaming arrows of the kingdom of darkness often times points to those soft and subtle attacks in the mentality of the soul.

The lies and propaganda from the cosmic system…the small thoughts of negativity and wickedness that arise occasionally.

/[Eph 6:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/eph/6/17/s_1103017) And **take the helmet of salvation**and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God.

The Helmet of salvation tells us that which stabilizes are thoughts comes from Jesus Christ (HIS mind). We have real hope (calm assurance). The sword we use in battle is BD sharpened from the two power options.\

Both the breastplate and helmet which we put on is faith and love. Faith is the faith-rest technique and love is the filling of the Holy Spirit technique.

Divine love which can only be achieved by gaining momentum inside the PPOG.

The word for love is divine love - impersonal, unconditional, which means the filling of the Spirit producing the fruit of the Spirit.

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But that isn’t all. While we are operating in the realm of the techniques we also must be anticipating the future.

Therefore, we have a helmet as well and the helmet is the hope.

This refers to protection of the soul, when your soul is lifted up in hope in the divine sense, you develop a calm assurance. The helmet protects the head, the head should be anticipating the future — the hope of deliverance and victory.

The *“hope of our salvation*” is really “*the hope of our victory… the real deliverance from evil.”* REPEAT

Our hope is pinned to the person and work of Jesus Christ – therefore focusing on that we begin to develop confidence because we know HE already gave us the victory on the cross.

/Bels with a level of maturity begin to understand and put on this battle armor, because it comes from habitual study of BD and walking in the new nature. The Fruit of the Spirit and the armor of God, are uniquely connected in relation to spiritual growth.\

/New Bels and uneducated Bels are not prepared for difficult spiritual challenges. The Fruit of the Spirit and the armor of God which work in conjunction with one another, do not magically happen overnight or with wishful prayers. Bels can not pray themselves into spiritual maturity. This is a journey into deeper Biblical principles and application of the new nature as a lifestyle. \

/God gives in abundance and with great power, yet HE does not force anyone to seek HIM. The Bible is clear from Genesis into Revelation that spiritual warfare is around every corner and it will build to a crescendo in the end times. It was ordained in eternity past that it will play out once and for all time. Anyone can step up and become a spiritual warrior and in the end a winner. It simply takes your time, talent and treasure to be focused on the plan of God.\