**Sunday School Handout 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11 Rapture of the Church August 1, 2021**

4:13-18 ***Rapture******of the Church*** *– The Dead in Christ are Caught Up Before the Living in Christ (1 Corinthians 15)*

(12) 13 **But I would not have you to be ignorant** /S2, not understood, 2 Thes 2:2, Ro 11:25 Israel future (chapters 9-11), 1 Cor 10:1 lessons from OT (8-11), 1 Cor 12:1 gifts (chapters 12-14), 1 Tim 1:9-13 ignorant in unbelief, 2 Peter 3:16 Paul’s prophecies wrestled with to their own destruction (chapter 3 /, **brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not /S2/, even as others which have no hope** /confident expectation/. 14 For **if we believe that Jesus died and rose again** /S1/, even so them also which **sleep in Jesus** /S2/ will **God bring with Him** /R2/. 15 For this **we say unto you** by the **word of the Lord** /S2/, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the **coming of the Lord** /R2/ shall not **prevent** them which are **asleep** /S2/. 16 For the **Lord Himself** shall **descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God** /R2, 1st trump is the law of Moses for Israel in Exodus 19. This trump is the rapture of the church in Revelation 4, not part of the 7 trumpets in Rev 9-13 /: and the **dead in Christ** **shall rise first** /R2/: 17 Then **we** which are **alive [and] remain** shall be “**caught up” together** /R2, harpazo - carry away by force, with violence/ Matthew 11:12, Acts 8:39, 2 Cor 12:4, Jude 1:23, Rev 12:5/with them in the clouds /R2/, to meet the Lord in the air/R2/**:** and so shall **we ever be with the Lord** /R2/. 18 Wherefore **comfort one another** with these **words** /S2/.

[**1 Thessalonians**](#Thessalonians1)**Chapter 5 Contrasts of Thief or Watching, Drunk or Sober, Night or Day, Dark or Light**

5:1-5 ***Rapture of the Church*** *–* ***Post Rapture Wrath*** *on Them who are of the Night (Global)*

(13) 1 **But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have** **no need that I write unto you** /S2/.  2 For yourselves **know perfectly** that **the day of the Lord** /R2, Is 61:1-2, Acts 2:20, 1 Cor 5:5, 2 Cor 1:14, 2 Peter 3:10/ **so comes as a thief in the night** /R2/. 3 For when **they** shall say, **Peace and safety** /R1, R3/; **then sudden destruction comes upon them** /R3/, **as travail upon a woman with child** /R3, Israel Mt 24:8, Mt 24-25/; **and they shall not escape** /R3/. 4 But ye, **brethren**, are **not in darkness** /S2/, that **that day should overtake you as a thief** /S2,R1/. 5 Ye are all the **children of light** /S2, Genesis 1:3-5, 186k mi/s, DNA for each body, 5:23/,and the **children of the day** /S2/: we are **not of the night** /S2/, **nor of darkness** /S2/.

5:6-11 ***Rapture of the Church*** *–* ***Pre Rapture Readiness****, Watch and Be Sober*

(14) 6 **Therefore let us not sleep** /S2/, **as others**; **but let us watch and be sober** /S2/. 7 For **they** that **sleep** /R1/, **sleep** in the **night** /R1/; and **they** that be **drunken** /R1/ are **drunken** in the **night** /R1/. 8 But **let us**, who are of the **day** /S2/, **be sober** /S2/, **putting on the breastplate of faith** /S2/ **and love** /S2/; **and** for a **helmet, the hope of salvation** /S2, R1, Is 59/. 9 For God has **not appointed us to wrath** /R1/, but to obtain **salvation** /R3/ by our **Lord Jesus Christ**, 10 Who died for **us** /S1/, that, whether **we** **wake or sleep** /S2/, **we** **should live** together with Him /R2/. 11 Wherefore **comfort** yourselves together /S2/, and **edify** one another /S2/, even as also ye do.

Notes: Godhead (Col 2:9, Ro 1:20): Father – 3x (4:14, 4:16, 5:9), Son – 10x, pronouns 2x (Lord 6x, Jesus 2x, Christ 1x, Lord Jesus Christ 1x), Holy Spirit – 0x (refer to our sanctification in 1 Thessalonians 3:10-4:12).

Day is defined in four ways: (1) A literal 24-hour day, (2) A literal day or night, (3) A period of time more than a day, (4) A spiritual moral day and light in contrast to a immoral night and darkness.

Awake or asleep: Believers are physically living or dead. Heb 9:27.” It is appointed unto man to die, but after this the judgment”. Believers are spiritually awake or asleep, spiritually or physically sober or drunk. Unbelievers are spiritually asleep and drunk.

**Present:** S1-S2-R1. S1=Salvation, S2=Sanctification, **R1=Return is near**. (6x in 5:1-11, Hebrews 10:24-25)

**Future:** **R2=Rapture of Church, R3=Wrath (7 years).**  1Th1:1-10 4x, 2:1-3:9 4x, 3:10-4:12 2x, 4:13-5:11 20x, 5:12-28 \_\_\_ x. 2 Th R4=Return, R5=Reign (1000 years) R6=Eternity (Rev 19-22)

**Next Sunday.** 5:12-28 Sanctification of Believers – specifics. Read ahead questions, see back side.

**1 Thessalonians 5:12-28** read-ahead questions on the “Sanctification of Believers - specifics”

Content: For our sanctification Paul beseeches and exhorts believers in 17 works:

1. Who must we know? (5:12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Who must we esteem very highly? (5:13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Who must we to be at peace with? (5:13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. What must we say to the unruly? (5:14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. What must we say and do for the feebleminded? (5:14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6. What must we do for the weak? (5:14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7. Who must we be patient toward? (5:14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8. Who must we render evil for evil? (5:15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

9. What must we follow? (5:15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

10. When must we rejoice? (5:16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11. When must we pray? (5:17) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

12. When must we give thanks? (5:18) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13. What must we not do? (5:19) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

14. What must we not despise? (5:20) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

15. What must we prove? (5:21) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

16. What must we hold fast to? (5:21) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

17. What must we abstain from? (5:22) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Content: Doing the above sanctifies us:

1. The God of peace will (5:23) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Our whole spirit and soul and body be (5:23) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Content: Leading to faithfulness

1. Who is faithful that call us? (5:24) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. Who must the brethren pray for? (5:25) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Who must we greet in a special way? (5:26) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Who must read the letter to the Thessalonians? (5:27) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5. How did Paul end all 14 of his letters? (5:28) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Context: Immediately after the church pre-rapture passage

Concise: What is feeblemindedness? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Complexity: What is prophesying? (5:20) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Application: I must labor (works in 1-17) to be sanctified wholly and preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.