



1 Thessalonians 5:4-7  
The Day of the Lord—Part 2  
From Sermon 3.20.22

Read *1 Thessalonians 5:4-7*

Review from Sunday's sermon: Concerning the rapture, the Holy Spirit had Paul addressing Christians. Concerning the Day of the Lord, the focus was the world/the lost. Now, the text compares and contrasts the two groups side-by-side. The purpose is twofold—1) to show the radical differences in the two natures. Our new nature is evidence of our deliverance. And, 2) to admonish believers to not think, act, look like the world and its love of the darkness. Don't fall back into old life/self

1. What does Paul mean by day and night people (sons)? Is there something inherently wrong with “night owl” wired people compared to “early birds”? No...not at all. This is addressing a spiritual condition—not a time of day when someone is at their best.

2. Teaching through “compare and contrast” is both a valid and effective method. Re-read *1 Thessalonians 5:4-7*. Find terms describing the distinctive nature of day and night people from our key text. Dark, Drunk, Sleep vs. Light, Sober, Alert (watch).

3. Discuss the worldly, false philosophy of “nature neutrality”. Basically, they say: No one is born good or bad. Everyone is impartial and shaped solely by nature/environment. There are some in the extreme “good” camp and fewer in the extreme “bad” camp. Most are just floating in the middle.

3a. What does the Bible say, however, about the nature of all man? See *Genesis 6:5, Psalm 51:5, Romans 3:10-12, & 23*. Man is totally sinful by nature. Born sinners. It's inherited, not acquired.

4. How do we transition ourselves from this night/darkness nature to a day/light nature? We cannot. Left alone, we will always choose the sin of our hereditary nature. It's all God's work. He must resurrect our dead, sin-loving spirit and grant the faith needed to see our total depravity, the need for a Savior, and the truth of the Gospel unto salvation.

5. Read the two verses from Ephesians. Find and note key words and terms that describe the new nature in Christ. [Some are only inferred by the inclusion of their opposites/antonyms]

*Ephesians 2:1-5*: Alive, Spirit (filled), & Mercy

*Ephesians 4:17-18*: Profitable, Light, Sight

\*Bonus Teaching: What is a common grace? What happens to them in the Tribulation? How is this further evidence the Church is removed pre-Trib? Common Graces are those benevolent gifts God gives to all mankind, regardless of faith, spiritual condition, or election. They include things like life, breath, provision, rain, joy, love, His patience in their sin, and His ordained restraints on sin. They are all systematically removed in the Tribulation. Since the Church is one of those current restraints, we can conclude it will also be removed from the earth for our deliverance and for their judgment.