

HE'S COMING BACK – PART VIII
“The Day of the Lord”
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

There have been many significant days throughout world history. However, they all pale in comparison to the “Day of the Lord.” This day will witness the most amazing event ever: The coming of Christ to destroy wickedness on the earth and establish his kingdom. The Day of the Lord will bring this age to conclusion and begin a new age that will be glorious and welcomed by God’s people

#1. WHAT IS THE DAY OF THE LORD?

The Day of the LORD refers to the time when God brings this age to an end by: 1) punishing all the God mockers, Christ rejecters and evil doers. 2) Jesus will establish his millennial Kingdom, bring peace, prosperity and righteousness. Mal 4:1-2

- A. There have been many “days of the Lord” foreshadowing the ultimate day of the Lord: Joel, Malachi, Zephaniah, etc.
 - 1. There have been “days of the Lord” enacted on Israel calling them to repentance. Joel 1:15
 - 2. The fall of Jerusalem 587 B.C. Lam 2:21
 - 3. The wrong expectations of the “Day”, Amos 5:18
- B. The ultimate “Day of the Lord” is the coming of Christ, Rev 19:11-21

#2. WHEN WILL THE DAY OF THE LORD ARRIVE?, vv. 1-3

- A. The “day” comes like a thief in the night, v. 1
- B. The “day” of Jesus’ coming is unknowable, v. 2
- C. The apostle Paul knew the teaching of Jesus, v.
- D. There will be the illusion of “peace & safety”, v. 3
- E. The “day” will come suddenly & unexpectedly, v. 3
- F. The “day” comes like labor pains, v. 3
- G. There is no escape, v. 3

#3. THE TIMING OF THE RAPTURE IN RELATION TO THE TRIBULATION PERIOD

- A. The tribulation period is 7 years of God’s judgments on the earth, Dan 9:27
- B. The pre-tribulation rapture, 1 Thess 4:13f
- C. The mid-tribulation rapture, Dan 9:27
- D. The post-tribulation rapture, Mat 24-25

#4. BELIEVERS MUST LIVE LIKE CHILDREN OF LIGHT / DAY, vv. 4-8

- A. The Kingdom of Jesus, Col 1:12
- B. The Day doesn’t surprise believers like a thief, v. 5
- C. The believers must be spiritually awake & sober, v. 6, 1 Pet 4:7
- D. The believers put on faith & love as a breastplate, v. 8
- E. The believers put on the hope of salvation as a helmet, v. 8

#5. NONBELIEVERS ARE LIVING LIKE CHILDREN OF DARKNESS / NIGHT, vv. 4-8

- A. Spiritually under Satan’s domain, Col 1:13
- B. Spiritually apathetic, v. 6
- C. Spiritually indifferent, v. 7
- D. Spiritually drunk – self-indulgent living, v. 7

#6. BELIEVERS WELCOME THE DAY OF THE LORD BECAUSE OUR SALVATION IS COMPLETE, vv. 9-11

- A. Believers don’t fear the day of the Lord, 1:10
- B. Believers living or death live with Jesus, v. 10
- C. Believers must encourage each other with this, v. 11
- D. Believers must build each other up, v. 11

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. What are some days that stand out on your mind as special?
- #2. Discuss the definition of the day of the Lord.
- #3. Describe the Days of the Lord as they came upon Israel?
- #4. What does it mean that the Day will come like a thief in the night?
- #5. What does Paul mean by Peace and safety in v. 3.
- #6. What is the meaning of Labor pains regarding the day of the Lord?
- #7. Paul discusses moral imperatives for the believer considering the Day of the Lord (Jesus' 2nd coming). Why should believers live like children of light / day?
- #8. What are the implication of putting on pieces of armor? (v. 8)
- #10. Describe the characteristics of those who are of the night and darkness.
- #11. Discuss each of the views on the rapture
 - A. Pre-tribulation
 - B. Mid-tribulation
 - C. Post-tribulation
- #12. Do believers need to fear the Day of the Lord? Why?
- #13. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome

to

Hillcrest Church!

*Love, Acceptance &
Forgiveness!*

*They tell us how you turned to God from idols to
serve the living and true God, and
to wait for his Son from heaven*

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

September 25, 2022

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY SEPTEMBER 25th

Pastor Bruce will be continuing his series in 1 Thessalonians teaching on the Day of the Lord.

NEXT WEEK BEGINS THE 30-DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE

OCTOBER 2-31, you are invited to participate in praying for the revitalization of Hillcrest Church. Every day things will be posted on face book and the church website of what to pray about.

OCTOBER 2ND – POTLUCK AFTER CHURCH

Is cancelled because the kitchen won't be ready at that time.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm, Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm
Go to the online meeting room on our website
(hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

FACILITY UPGRADES – THE KITCHEN & UPSTAIRS CHILDREN'S AREA

We are making great progress remodeling the kitchen and the upper children's area. If you want to contribute money to this effort write "building fund" in the memo of your check.

HALLOWEEN OUTREACH

We are looking ahead to our outreach October 31. If you would like to help in any capacity please sign up at the offering station or talk to Kathy Brooks.