

**“How to be Comforted Concerning the Coming of the Day of the Lord”**

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 3/28/10**

**1 Thessalonians- “Living a Life of Focus in Expectation of Jesus’ Return”**

**Wake up, Clean up, and Dress up!**

**POINT 1-** We are comforted when we understand our DISTINCTION

A. The distinction includes expectation and READINESS  
(vv. 1-3; Matt 24:36-44; Luke 12:35-40; Rev 3:3; 16:15)

B. The distinction includes our relationship with GOD  
(vv. 4-5; Acts 26:18; Luke 16:8; John 12:36; 3:19-21)

No escape- escape; Destruction-deliverance; Surprise-no surprise;  
Darkness-light; Wrath-salvation; Live on earth- live with Him;  
Delusion-clarity

**Going Deeper** *God wants us to be comforted when we truly understand who we are!*

**POINT 2-** We are comforted when we understand our DUTY

A. The duty of children of light is to avoid indifference and be SOBER  
(vv. 6-7; Col 4:2- prayer; watching, ready, alert, calm; self restraint)

B. The duty of the children of light is to demonstrate faith, hope and LOVE  
(v. 8; 1 Cor 13:13; 1 Thess 1:3; Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 John 5:9-13)

**Going Deeper** *God wants us to be comforted when we truly live as who we are!*

**POINT 3-** We are comforted when we understand our DELIVERANCE

A. The deliverance we enjoy is secure because it is our APPOINTMENT  
(vv. 9-10; 1 Thess 1:10; Rom 5:9; John 15:16; contrast 1 Peter 2:8)

B. The deliverance we enjoy brings us to comfort and edify EACH OTHER  
(v. 11; Rom 14:19; 15:2; 1 Cor 14:3-5, 12, 17, 26; Eph 4:12, 29; Col 2:7)

**Going Deeper** *God wants us to be comforted when we truly know our destiny!*

*"And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming." (1John 2:28)*