



SERMON NOTES

April 5, 2020

Scripture: I Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NAS)

“More About The Children Of The Day”

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- 1 Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you.
- 2 For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.
- 3 While they are saying, "Peace and safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.
- 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief;
- 5 for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;
- 6 so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be alert and sober.
- 7 For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night.
- 8 But since we are of the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation.
- 9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,
- 10 who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.
- 11 Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

Congregation: But the Word of our God stands forever

I. SONS OF LIGHT; SONS OF DAY

A. Called To Walk In The Light Of God's Word

B. Called Out Of The Darkness Of Idolatry *Isaiah 55:8,9; John 3:16*

II. CALLED TO BE SOBER

A. Not Of The Night

B. Live The Life You Are Called To Live

C. Put On The Armor Of God *Ephesians 6:10-12*

D. Readiness For Battle Demands Sobriety

III. PUTTING ON THE THREE ATTRIBUTES OF THIS ARMOR

A. Strip Off The Excesses Of The World

B. The Christian Life Is Not Effortless *Romans 1:1-5*

C. These Were Already Present In The Church *I Thessalonians 1:3*

IV. THE BREASTPLATE OF FAITH AND LOVE

A. Faith

1. What it is *Hebrews 11:1; II Corinthians 5:7*

2. Not based on what we can see

a. People of Noah's day were unprepared—could not see the flood

Luke 17:26-27

b. Noah was prepared because he believed God's Word

Hebrews 11:7

3. Faith is initiated by God's Word and maintained as we rely on God's Word *Romans 10:17*

4. Readiness for Christ's coming requires faith *John 14:3; II Corinthians 4:17-18*

B. Love

1. The apex of Christian virtues *I Corinthians 13:13*

2. Love for God and love of our neighbor

3. Love is a call to action *I Corinthians 13:4-8*

V. THE HELMET OF OUR SALVATION

A. Hope

1. It Is Not Hope For The Uncertain

2. We Hope In Jesus And The Home He Has promised *Romans 8:38-39*