

CHAPTER 31.6
Faith Life

“LIVING IN HOPE”
1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:11
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A hope-filled life looks forward because it looks backward.

I. The hope of getting caught. (4:13-18)

A. Jesus died and rose again. (4:14)

B. Death doesn't defeat hope.

C. The Hope (4:14-17)

1. Jesus descends from heaven.

2. Dead in Christ rise first.

3. Those living in Christ are caught up.

II. The hope of being saved from God's wrath. (5:1-11)

A. Day of the Lord – God's great and final judgment.

1. Sudden

2. Unexpected

3. Inescapable

B. Believers and the Day of the Lord (5:4-11)

1. Who we are: Children of the light and day. (5:4-5)

2. How we live: alert and ready. (5:6-8)

Faith – relationship with God

Love – relationship with others

Hope – anticipating the future

3. God's purpose: eternally with Jesus.

How does this apply to me?

NEXT WEEK

“LIVING WELL”
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Passage Overview:

The Spirit's concluding remarks to the Thessalonian believers appear at first to be a rapid-fire series of exhortations with little continuity. But a little reflection quickly recognizes that these cryptic statements all deal with how they could live full and rich lives for, in, and through the Lord, in the context of constant opposition and persecution.

As an eclectic body of believers representing diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds, they all find their life and purpose in Christ. The will of God for all of them is the same, even as each of their lives is found in the same Lord.

They must live together in love and mutual support, responding to the godless pressures from outside with resilience based in dependence upon the Spirit.

Their lives will look radically different than those around them. Additionally, their lives will be constantly and consistently set apart unto God in holiness because God Himself will do in them what they could never do for themselves. His work in them will shape them and keep them blameless at the coming of the Lord Jesus.

We too live in an increasingly oppositional climate. But we can live distinctly godly lives that are grounded in dependence and joy as well. Let's do it, by His enabling and grace.

Reading for Next Week: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28