

Knowing the Coming of Christ

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

- I. They knew it will be sudden. (1-3)
 - A. They knew He will come like a thief.
 - B. They knew people will be unaware.
 - C. They knew it will be painfully imminent.
- II. They knew they should be ready. (4-8)
 - A. They did not live in darkness, but in light.
 - B. They were to be ready and waiting for His return.
 - C. They were to be living rightly.
- III. They knew how to avoid judgment. (9-11)
 - A. They were destined to be saved from God's wrath.
 - B. Jesus died for this very purpose.
 - C. They were to build each other on this fact.

What does that mean to me?

We know Jesus' return will be sudden.

He will come stealthily.

People will be caught off guard.

It will be unavoidably painful for those who are not prepared.

We need to be ready and waiting for Jesus.

We need to be living in the light; living in the right.

We need to be living like we are leaving at any moment.

We need to be avoiding worldly living.

We know how to avoid judgment.

Believers will be saved from God's wrath.

We need to examine our hearts.

We need to be sharing the truth.