

First Thessalonians

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

I. “...*Encourage and Build Up One Another...*” (1 Thessalonians 5)

A. Points regarding the timing of Jesus coming . . .

1. The Coming Day of the Lord, (vs. 1-3)

Matthew 24:38, 44

Luke 23:30

2. The believer’s mental readiness, (vs. 4-11)

a. (vs. 4-6), Contrasts to help us be ready...

1 John 1:5-7

b. (vs. 7-10), This spiritual alertness has always been incumbent upon God’s people . . .

Acts 20:30-31

1 Peter 5:8

c. (v. 11) – What those who are mentally “ready” do . . .

3. The believer’s behavior in the church, (vs. 12-15)

Acts 20:28

4. How Christians respond to God – A Daily Checklist for the Revived Believer, (vs. 16-22)

a. (v. 16), “*rejoice always*”

b. (v. 17), “*Pray without ceasing.*”

c. (v. 18), “*In everything give thanks, for this is God’s will for us in Christ Jesus.*”

d. (v. 19), “*Do not quench the Spirit.*”

Ephesians 3:16

e. (v. 20), “*Do not despise prophetic utterances.*”

2 Peter 1:20-21

f. (v. 21), “*But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good.*”

Acts 17:11

g. (v. 22), “*Abstain from every form of evil.*”

5. The Results of Proper Behavior & a Final Exhortation, (vs. 23-28)

a. (v. 23) – “*Peace*”

Mark 12:30

b. (v. 24), “*Faithful is He who called you*”

c. (vs. 25-28)

CONCLUSIONS:

Acts 2:36-38, 41, 47