

Welcome to WASH

December 6, 2017



Tonight's Focus: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11



Discussion Time

- **If you knew Jesus was returning in one week, what would you do to prepare for His return?**
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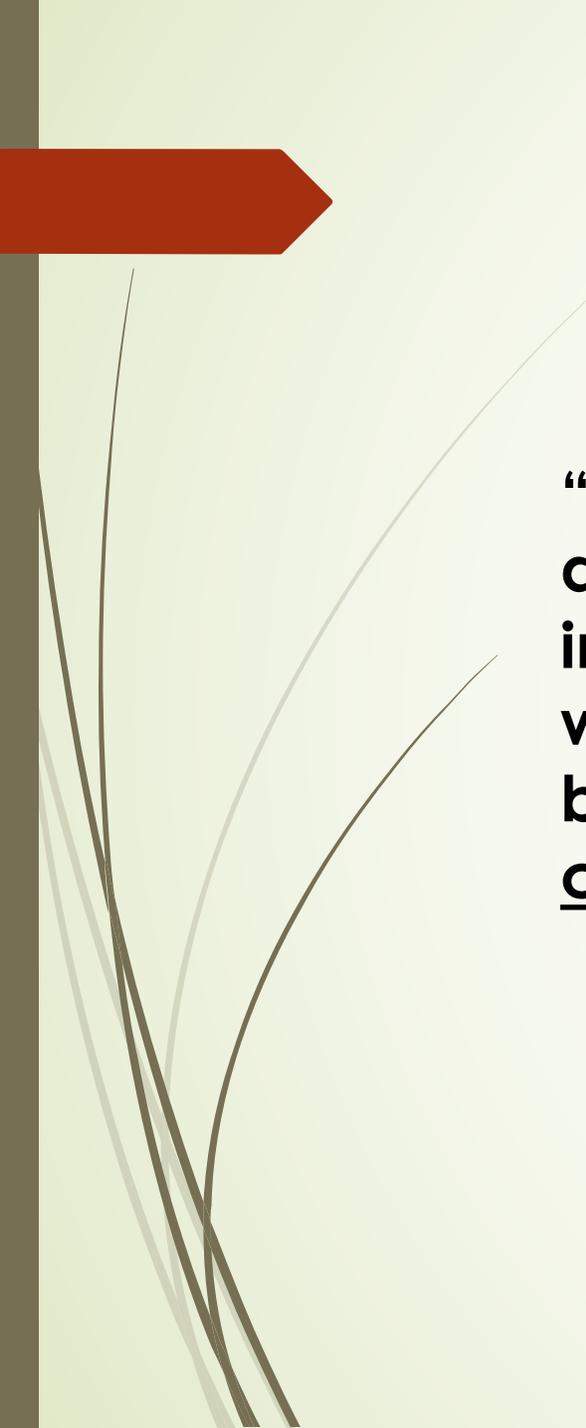
WHY did Paul write this letter?

- 1. Encourage (new) believers in their faith (1-2)**
- 2. Challenge them to a place of godly living (2-3)**
- 3. Give assurance about the eternal life of those believers who have died (4-5)**



“We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

-1 Thessalonians 1:2-3



“Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.”

-1 Thessalonians 3:11-13



“But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others who have no hope.”

-1 Thessalonians 4:13



1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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⁶ So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A Smoky Mountain Family Adventure!

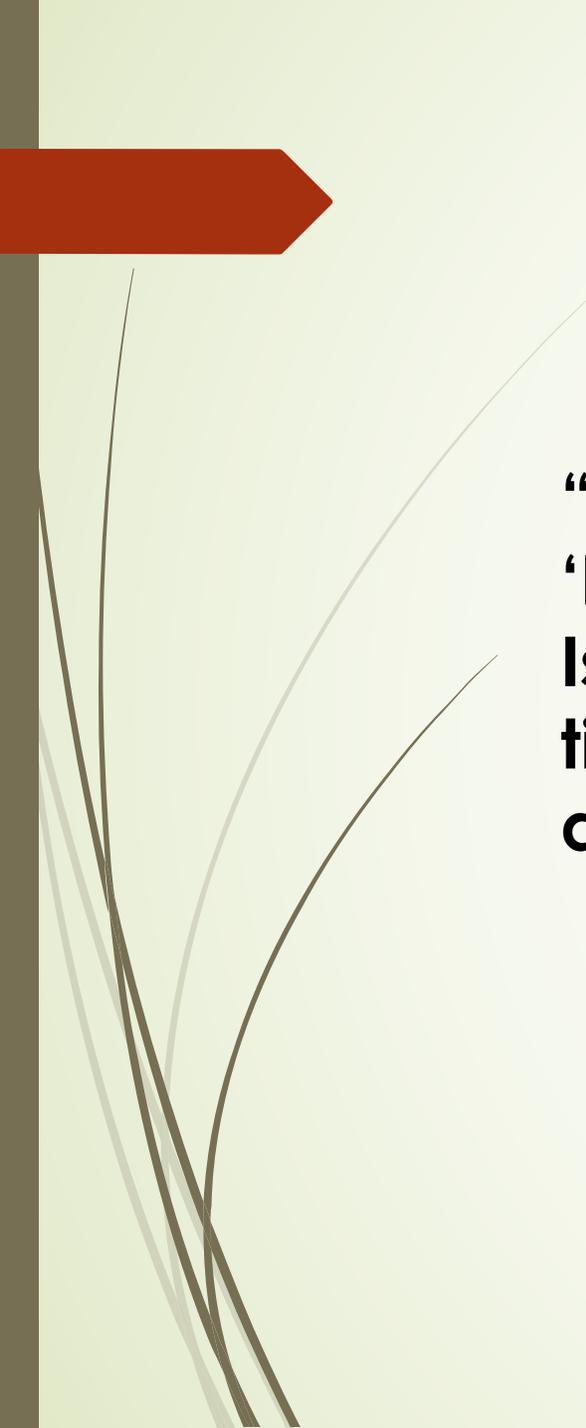
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“So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He said to them, ‘It is not for you to know that times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.’”

–Acts 1:6-7



“The Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no one to intercede; then his own arm brought him salvation, and his righteousness upheld him. He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak.”

–Isaiah 59:15-17

