



I Thessalonians 5

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Four Sections Of I Thessalonians 5:

1. Continuation of teaching about the rapture of the church.
2. Instructions about our attitude toward spiritual leaders in the church.
3. Further instructions about our Christian life.
4. Salutation.

Rapture:

We get the word 'rapture' from the phrase 'caught up together' which comes from the Greek word *harpazo*. The Latin translation of that same word is *rapio* from which we get the word rapture. It means to be carried away in spirit or in body. The rapture of the church is a different event than the second coming of the Lord.

- The Rapture: Carrying away of the church from earth to heaven.
- The Tribulation: Seven years just after the rapture of the church.
- Second Coming of Jesus: Following the end of the tribulation.

Five Practical Points We Learn From I Thessalonians 5:1-11:

1. We should be looking forward to and eagerly awaiting the coming of Jesus (the rapture of the Church). Philippians 3:20, I Corinthians 1:7, Titus 2:13, I Thessalonians 1:9-10, Revelation 22:20
2. We should be spiritually alert and sober as we wait for His return.
3. We should live lives full of faith, hope and love as we wait for His return.
4. We don't have to worry about suffering God's wrath, because He has provided salvation for us through Jesus.
5. We should encourage and build each other up.

Instructions On How To Treat Those That Are In Spiritual Leadership Among Us:

1. Acknowledge them and their work and care for us and correction of us.
2. Hold them in the highest regard.
3. Do everything we can do to live in peace and harmony and unity as we follow their leadership.

Further Instructions About Our Christian Life:

- Warn those that are idle and disruptive.
- Encourage those that are discouraged and disheartened. Lift those that are downcast.
- Help those that are weak. Don't judge them or condemn them for making mistakes—help them. Romans 15:1
- Be patient with everyone.
- Make sure you don't pay back wrong for wrong.
- Strive to do what is good for each other and everyone else.
- Give thanks IN all circumstances (not FOR all circumstances).
 1. No matter how hard or bad it gets—there is always something to be grateful for.
 2. You shouldn't have to 'lose something' to be grateful for it.
 3. The more grateful you are, the more you find you have to be grateful for.
 4. Some of the most joy-filled people are the most grateful people.

