

The Day of the Lord

5:1 Now as to the ^atimes and the epochs, brethren, you ^bhave no need of anything to be written to you. 2 For you yourselves know full well that ^athe day of the Lord ¹will come ^bjust like a thief in the night. 3 While they are saying, “^aPeace and safety!” then ¹^bdestruction ²will come upon them suddenly like ^cbirth pangs upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in ^adarkness, that the day should overtake you ¹^blike a thief; 5 for you are all ^asons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of ^bdarkness; 6 so then let us not ^asleep as ¹^bothers do, but let us be alert and ²^csober. 7 For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get ^adrunk at night. 8 But since ^awe are of *the* day, let us ^bbe ¹sober, having put on the ^cbreastplate of ^dfaith and love, and as a ^ehelmet, the ^fhope of salvation. 9 For God has not destined us for ^awrath, but for ^bobtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 ^awho died for us, that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him. 11 Therefore ¹encourage one another, and ^abuild up one another, just as you also are doing.

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12 But we request of you, brethren, that you ¹^aappreciate those ^bwho diligently labor among you, and ^chave charge over you in the Lord and give you ²instruction, 13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. ^aLive in peace with one another. 14 And we urge you, brethren, admonish ^athe ¹unruly, encourage ^bthe fainthearted, help ^cthe weak, be ^dpatient with all men. 15 See that ^ano one repays another with evil for evil, but always ^bseek after that which is good for one another and for all men. 16 ^aRejoice always; 17 ^apray without ceasing; 18 in everything ^agive thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. 19 ^aDo not quench the Spirit; 20 do not despise ^aprophetic ¹utterances. 21 But ^aexamine everything *carefully*; ^bhold fast to that which is good; 22 abstain from every ¹form of evil.

23 Now ^amay the God of peace ^bHimself sanctify you entirely; and may your ^cspirit and soul and body be preserved complete, ^dwithout blame at ^ethe coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 ^aFaithful is He who ^bcalls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

25 Brethren, ^apray for us¹.

26 ^aGreet all the brethren with a holy kiss. 27 I adjure you by the Lord to ^ahave this letter read to all the ^bbrethren.

28 ^aThe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

^a Acts 1:7

^b 1 Thess. 4:9

^a 1 Cor. 1:8

¹ Lit., *is coming*

^b Luke 21:34; 1 Thess. 5:4; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 3:3; 16:15

^a Jer. 6:14; 8:11; Ezek. 13:10

¹ Or, *sudden destruction*

^b 2 Thess. 1:9

² Lit., *is at hand*
^c John 16:21
^a Acts 26:18; 1 John 2:8
¹ Some early mss. read *like thieves*
^b Luke 21:34; 1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 3:3; 16:15
^a Luke 16:8
^b Acts 26:18; 1 John 2:8
^a Rom. 13:11; 1 Thess. 5:10
¹ Lit., *the remaining ones*
^b Eph. 2:3; 1 Thess. 4:13
² Or, *self-controlled*
^c 1 Pet. 1:13
^a Acts 2:15; 2 Pet. 2:13
^a 1 Thess. 5:5
^b 1 Pet. 1:13
¹ Or, *self-controlled*
^c Is. 59:17; Eph. 6:14
^d Eph. 6:23
^e Eph. 6:17
^f Rom. 8:24
^a 1 Thess. 1:10
^b 2 Thess. 2:13f.
^a Rom. 14:9
¹ Or, *comfort*
^a Eph. 4:29
¹ Lit., *know*
^a 1 Cor. 16:18; 1 Tim. 5:17
^b Rom. 16:6, 12; 1 Cor. 15:10; 16:16
^c Heb. 13:17
² Or, *admonition*
^a Mark 9:50
^a 2 Thess. 3:6, 7, 11
¹ Or, *undisciplined*
^b Is. 35:4
^c Rom. 14:1f.; 1 Cor. 8:7ff.; Rom. 15:1
^d 1 Cor. 13:4
^a Matt. 5:44; Rom. 12:17; 1 Pet. 3:9
^b Rom. 12:9; Gal. 6:10; 1 Thess. 5:21
^a Phil. 4:4
^a Eph. 6:18
^a Eph. 5:20
^a Eph. 4:30
^a Acts 13:1; 1 Cor. 14:31
¹ Or, *gifts*
^a 1 Cor. 14:29; 1 John 4:1

^b Rom. 12:9; Gal. 6:10; 1 Thess. 5:15

¹ Or, *appearance*

^a Rom. 15:33

^b 1 Thess. 3:11

^c Luke 1:46f.; Heb. 4:12

^d James 1:4; 2 Pet. 3:14

^e 1 Thess. 2:19

^a 1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Thess. 3:3

^b 1 Thess. 2:12

^a Eph. 6:19; 2 Thess. 3:1; Heb. 13:18

¹ Some mss. add *also*

^a Rom. 16:16

^a Col. 4:16

^b Acts 1:15

^a Rom. 16:20; 2 Thess. 3:18

ⁱ *The New American Standard Bible*, (La Habra, California: The Lockman Foundation) 1977.