

CHURCH MEMBERS AND THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST
I THESS. 5:4-11

Introduction:

- A. We know Jesus will come again.
 - 1. The dead in Christ will be raised.
 - 2. The ones living will be changed.
 - 3. The lost will be surprised.
 - a. "peace and safety."
 - b. "sudden destruction."
 - c. "two...one taken, other one left."

- B. What about the church?

I. GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE SURPRISED.

- A. v4 If we know, we should be ready.
 - 1. We may know the seasons.
 - 2. We do not know the day or the hour.

- B. v5 Our position is in the light.
 - 1. Men love darkness, why?

II. GOD'S PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE SLEEPING.

- A. v6 Let us not sleep.
 - 1. "watch"
 - 2. "be sober"

- B. v7 What is it to sleep?
 - 1. To be unconscious unaware.

III. THE PROPER DRESS FOR HIS COMING. V8

- A. "Be sober" -- we should dress properly for the visit of a dignitary.

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- B. The righteousness of Christ.
 - 1. This is by faith.

- C. "Breastplate of faith and love"
 - 1. Protects the heart.

- D. "Helmet -- hope of salvation."
 - 1. Protects the head.

IV. OUR APPOINTMENT. V9

- A. We have an appointment with life.
 - 1. To lost an appointment to death.
 - 2. We must meet Him.

- B. Our's is an appointment in Christ.
 - 1. Obtain salvation in Christ.

V. THE CHRISTIAN SPHERE OF SERVICE. V10

- A. "wake."
 - 1. This means alive, living.

- B. "sleep"
 - 1. This is death.

VI. SATISFYING MUTUAL NEEDS.

- A. exhort = encourage, to cheer one.
 - 1. "shout words of courage."

- B. edify = to build up.
 - 1. Not to frighten!