

Until Christ Comes > 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

5:1 *The day is coming.* Paul's point: knowing that Christ is returning is motivation for us to live accordingly.

5:2-5 *Awake or asleep?* Are you blinded to what truly matters or anticipating it in what you value and how you act?

5:6-8 *Christian: be awake!* Respond to these truths by being awake and aware, orienting your life around Christ's teachings.

5:9-11 *Christian: be hope-filled!* Get ready for Christ's return by holding on to hope, and holding hope out to others.

Background: In chapter 4, Paul wrote about those who had died waiting for Christ. Now, he writes about those who are still alive and are waiting for Christ's return.

The Point: We are to embody faith, hope, and love as we wait for Jesus to return.

Head: Knowing that Jesus will come back should cause us to live differently – we must commit to going about our lives in a way that points to the coming King!

Heart: Believe that Christ's return will be a blessing for every Christian. Look to intentionally grow in faith, hope, and love.

Hands: How will you help somebody else to be ready for Christ's return in your conversations this next week? What needs to change in our life because Jesus is coming back?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
