

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. Because our gospel came to you not simply with words but with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. We were not looking for praise from

people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority. 7 Instead, we were like young children among you, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom

and strengthen that you will and holy in the presence of our God when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality. And to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and your hands, just as we told you. Brothers, we do not want

ry: May he who hears so your hearts be blameless in the presence of our Father and Lord Jesus who have no hope. For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still

alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will

be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words. Pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. For God did not appoint us

Home work - 7

I. Spend some time observing 5:1-11.

a. What do you learn about the second coming of Christ from this section?

What is "the day of the Lord"? Here are a few cross-references that you can use to answer this question.

1. Joel 2:31-32
2. Zephaniah 1:14-18
3. Malachi 4:1-6
4. 2 Peter 3:7-15
5. Isaiah 13:6-11

b. Paul also talks about being asleep in these verses, but as you will see, he uses the word differently here.

List what you learn here about those who are asleep.

c. What contrast does Paul use to further explain what he means to be asleep here?

d. Describe the attitudes and behavior of those who are still in spiritual darkness? What is the reality of people in the darkness? What, in contrast, does Paul say about those who belong to the light?

<i>People of Light</i>	<i>People of Darkness</i>

e. According to this passage, why did Christ die?

f. What verse best captures the main idea of this chapter?

g. How does this section connect back to the prayer in 3:11-13?