



“Did You Hear? He’s Coming Back!”

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
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Introduction: There is a future event that should transform the daily life of every believer and cause fear and trembling for every unbeliever. This future event is as certain as these past events of Christ's incarnation, death and resurrection. **That event is Christ's return.**

Three transforming truths about the current impact of Christ's future return:

A. We are well informed, so we ought to live in confidence. (v. 1-4)

1. We are informed as to the **certainty of His return.**
Scriptures: John 14:2-3; 28

2. We are informed as to the **nature of His return.**

3. We are informed so that we'll **not be surprised by His return.**

Christ's return is no surprise. We should be expecting it, planning for it & longing for it. In fact, we should be living for it!

B. We are beloved children, so we ought to live with clarity. (v. 5-7)

There are two parts to these phrases, each is important:

1. **“Children”**
Scriptures: John 12:36; Ephesians 5:8

2. **“Light” or “Day”**
Scripture: Isaiah 55:6-7

C. We have a certain future, so we ought to live in anticipation. (v. 8-11)

How do we live in anticipation of our eternal destiny? Live soberly.

Sober living utilizes two spiritual life preserving pieces of equipment that allow the soldier of Christ to enter the battle with confidence.

1. **Guard Your Heart in Faith & Love.**
Scripture: Romans 8:35-39

2. **Guard Your Head with Hope.**
Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:17

Conclusion:

Please read the Scriptures below & dwell on the reality of Christ's return in 2017. Then, live like it is true, because it is.

Scriptures: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Romans 13:11-14; 2 Timothy 4:8; Hebrews 9:27-28; Titus 2:11-15