

2. ESCAPING God's Wrath

- God has PROVIDED a salvation.

- JESUS CHRIST is our salvation.

He DIED for us.

(The JUDGE was JUDGED!)

So that we might LIVE TOGETHER with Him.

(Instead of being JUDGED by Him.)

- We will OBTAIN this salvation, because God has PURPOSED it.

3. LIVING IN LIGHT of God's Wrath

Because of what God has done for us in Christ, we are now children of the light and day. Therefore . . .

- Let us live AWAKE and SOBER in readiness.

- Let us ARMOR UP with the Gospel!

- Let us ENCOURAGE and BUILD UP one another.

Does anyone really think about the reality of God's judgment anymore? The Thessalonians were thinking about it! In 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Paul comforts their fears and encourages their hearts with the truth of the Gospel . . .

1. The COMING of God's wrath

- Do YOU KNOW it's coming?

- WHY God's wrath will come . . .

- HOW God's wrath will come . . .

UNEXPECTEDLY, like a thief in the night

INESCAPABLY, like birth pains

Growth Groups are the glue that hold our church together. Growth Groups are groups of 6 - 12+ people that meet together during the week to process and apply the message, pray together, care for another and live life together. If you are interested in joining a Growth Group, go to gracecentralcoast.org.

Connecting and Caring for One Another

How has the Gospel been changing you? Family, work, friendships, marriage, etc... Give your group 3-5 minutes to process the question and then share.

Digging into God's Word & the Message Together

1. Yes, do it again! Read First Thessalonians together as a group. What jumps out at you this time?
2. How did you "come under" God's Word in the message this week? How did God speak to you?
3. Why is it so tough, challenging and uncomfortable to talk about God's wrath in today's world?

4. Paul uses two similes to describe the coming of the Lord. What are these similes and what do each uniquely convey?
5. What does Paul's beautiful Gospel climax in 5:9-10 do to/in you? What does Paul say is the means of the Gospel? What does Paul say is the end of the Gospel? What does Paul say is the assurance/guarantee of the Gospel?
6. Compare 1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 and 1 Thessalonians 5:10-11. What is similar about these verses?
7. Since we are of the day and light, what does it mean to be "awake and sober"? What does it practically look like to "armor up" with the Gospel? How do we encourage and build one another up with these Gospel truths?

Praying Together

- Pray that the coming wrath of God will be more real for you so that 1) the Gospel may be more sweet to you and 2) the perilous state of not-yet-Christians might be more vivid to you.
- Share and pray for other needs in your group.