

Bible Study for November 9 - 15

You are encouraged to take some time to reflect on the scripture and the questions provided either individually, or with members of your household.

Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Notes: Once again, Paul is responding to confusion on the subject of the last day. We should note that Paul doesn't dwell on the topic, it is not his emphasis, nor should it be ours. We are to know about the return of Christ, but not obsess over it.

Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Questions to Ponder:

Would you rather live in the past, or the future? Why?

When it comes to unexpected events, would you rather know ahead of time, or would you rather let it take you by surprise?

Does Paul speaking like Christ coming like "a thief in the night" (at an unexpected time) calm you, or stir up fear? Why?

How does Paul help calm the fears of the Thessalonians? What verses would you find particularly helpful?

How does this passage help you as you consider your own death?

What questions do you have regarding death and the afterlife?