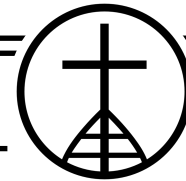


PULPIT CURRICULUM

The Marks of a Good Christian: Aware

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

April 7, 2024 – Adam Ashoff



Prayer & Praise: Pray for the men's retreat next weekend, as they focus on going deeper in the disciple-making ministry of Jesus Christ and the implications for our own lives to make disciples.

Listen Up rather than Look Up! (vv.1-3)

When we talked about reasons why God the Father would think it good not to tell us when the time of Jesus' return is going to occur, what thoughts crossed your mind?

Wake Up rather than Sleep In! (vv.4-7)

What are things in your life that cause you to get spiritually 'drowsy'? When or how have you seen God faithful to give you a wake-up call from time to time?

Dress Up rather than Dress Down! (vv.8-11)

When you think about Paul connected faith and love to a breastplate, and hope of your salvation to a helmet, what is helpful about those types of imagery for standing strong in Christ?

Do you struggle with losing sight of our ultimate hope being in Christ's return to rule and reign? If so, how?

Extra study of cross-references from this week:

Not knowing the times or seasons: Matt 24:36, Matt 24:42, Mk 13:33, Lk 12:39, Acts 1:6-7, 2 Pet 3:10, Rev 3:3, Rev 16:15

Day of the Lord: Oba 15, Joel 1:15, Joel 2:1-2, Joel 2:11, Joel 2:31, Joel 3:14, Amos 5:18-20, Isa 2:2, Isa 13:6-7, Zep 1:7, Zep 1:14, Eze 13:5, Eze 30:3, Zech 14:1, Mal 4:5-6

Mutual Ministry: How have the last few weeks of thinking about the return of Jesus Christ affected your worship? How does thinking about your 'higher' life then help you live a more 'holy' life now?

*Jesus Christ planned that the day of His second coming should be hidden from us,
so that, being in suspense, we might remain on watch..*

John Calvin