

BE READY

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Three questions that help us prepare for the *Day of The Lord* ...

I. WHY I SHOULD WALK IN READINESS?

A. We know that God will _____ the earth.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-2a NIV84 Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for **you know** very well that the day of the Lord will come ...

DAY OF THE LORD "Period of time in history when God will pour out His wrath on the ungodly directly and dramatically in fearful judgment." (Not Final judgment)

Isaiah 13:9-13 NIV84

B. We don't know the _____ of His return.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:2b NIV84 "like a thief in the night."

MATTHEW 24:36 NIV84 No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

MATTHEW 24:44 NIV84 So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

C. We know God will _____ those not ready.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:3 NIV84 While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

D. We know God _____ those who are ready.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:4-5 NIV 84 But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

II. _____ SHOULD I WALK IN READINESS?

A. Live daily with an ATTITUDE of watchfulness.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:6 NIV84 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert, and self-controlled.

B. Live daily with the _____ of self-control.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:7 NIV84 and self-controlled. ... 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.

C. Live daily with the _____ of God's armor.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:8 NIV84 But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on **faith** and **love** as a breastplate, and the **hope** of salvation as a helmet.

III. _____ ARE THE BLESSINGS OF WALKING IN READINESS?

A. The _____ of knowing that you will be saved from the wrath of God.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:9 NIV84 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

B. The _____ of knowing that you are always ready for the coming of Christ.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:10-11 NIV84 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Look for Christ's coming with _____ and expectancy, not of fear and dread.