

**“Living Expectantly”**  
**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**  
**Sunday September 26, 2021**  
**Guest Speaker Pastor Ruben Vasquez**

**The Key Word:** Know

**Thought Of The Passage:** Living in expectation of the Lord’s return, produces practical holy living, and brings glory to God.

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-2**

Concerning the times and the seasons...  
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For you yourselves know...

“Know” = “to know by perception”

**1 Corinthians 15:51-52**

The day of the Lord comes as a thief in the night...

**Matthew 24:21** (NKJV) For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

**Revelation 20:6** (NKJV) Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

**Revelation 20:7-9**

**Isaiah 13:9-16**

As a thief in the night...  
“they knew”

**Matthew 24:36** (NKJV) “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.

**1 Thessalonians 5:3-5**

For when they say...  
But you, brethren, are not in darkness...

1. **Read the word daily!**
2. **Make time to study the word**
3. **Watch and Pray**
4. **Fellowship regularly**

## **1 Thessalonians 5:6-8**

Therefore let us not sleep...

Sleep = ignorant

**Isaiah 56:10** (NKJV) His watchmen are blind, They are all ignorant; They are all dumb dogs, They cannot bark; Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

Sleep = indifferent

**Hebrews 6:11-12** (NKJV) **11** And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, **12** that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Sleep = defenseless

**Matthew 26:41** (NKJV) Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

**Ephesians 6:11** (NKJV) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Sleep = inactive

## **John 9:4**

But let us who are of the day be sober..

## **Romans 13:11**

Putting on...

## **1 Thessalonians 5:9-11**

For God did not appoint us to wrath...

Appoint = God's sovereignty

Obtain = man's responsibility

## **Romans 10:8-10**

### **Application:**

1. As believers we are to know the times that we live in.

2. As believers we are to be prepared for the coming of the Lord.
3. As believers we are to live as people of the light and of the day.