

LIVING IN THE WILL OF GOD - "LIVING WITH ANTICIPATION"
I THESSALONIANS 5:1-28

1. Describe the two ways to live (spiritually, morally) according to verses 1-8.
2. What does it mean to 'sleep' in verses 6-7?
3. What does it mean to 'sleep' in verse 10?
4. How does the New Testament interpret the phrase 'the day of the Lord'? (Use Amos 5:18-20; Isaiah 13:6, 9-11 as reference to Acts 2:20; I Cor. 5:5; I Thess. 5:2; II Thess. 2:1-2; 2 Peter 3:10)
5. How does this chapter use darkness and light?
6. Why does Paul encourage the Thessalonians to 'put on the breastplate of faith and love' and 'a helmet' of 'the hope of salvation'? Where else do we find this imagery and what does it mean?
7. Verses 12-22 contain instructions on how to treat church leaders (12-13); how to treat people inside and outside of the church (14-15); and how we ought to behave personally in our thoughts and actions (16-22). Pick one (or more if time allows) and see how well you are following Paul's instructions.
8. There are two purpose statements in this passage (vv. 9-10 and vv. 23-24). Pick one (or both if time allows) to discuss. How easy (or difficult) is this to believe?