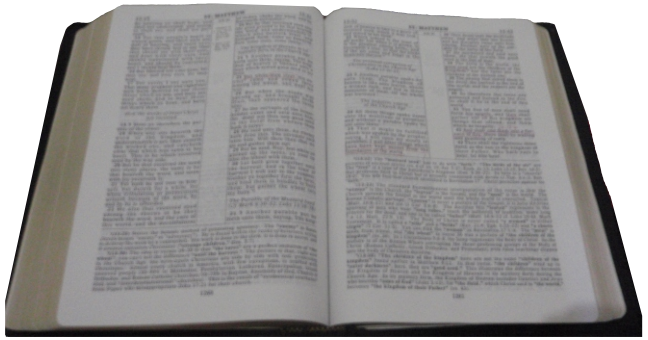
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A Bible Believers Commentary on

1Thessalonians 5

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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5:1- Times & Seasons

- Daniel- times dill with years.

- Seasons- 3 months - winter, spring, summer, fall

5:1-8- Notice the change in pronouns

- **5:1**- ye, you
- **5:2**- yourselves
- **5:3**- they, them, they
- **5:4**- ye, you
- **5:5**- ye, we
- **5:6**- us, us
- **5:7**- they, they
- **5:8**- us
- **5:9**- us

- The ye & you & we are not going thru the tribulation, we will be raptured in chapter 4 and come back at the 2nd Advent with Christ in chapter 5.

- The they's will miss the rapture and go into the tribulation and if they survive the tribulation will be lost and face Christ at the 2nd Advent.

There's a division during the rapture - Lost and Saved

- **Mt. 10:34**- sword

- **Lk. 12:51**- division

- **Jh. 7:43**

- **Jh. 9:16**

- **Jh. 10:19**

- All lost people see is - don't do this or don't do that

- ILL- Apple orchard - the nasty sour apples are planted on the outside 2 rows so when people steal apples they pick the nasty ones.

- All the good apples are on the inside

- All people see is the harsh commands the outside they don't see the inside this is where all he joy of the Lord is.

- God has called you to live holly clean separated lives.

- God has called you to do verses 18-22

5:25- Pray for your preacher

- God uses your preacher to speak to you.

5:26- America - hand shake

greet- greet people - be nice polite

- **Pr. 18:24**- A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly

5:27- Read to all Holy Brethren

- I guess were all out of luck - who's holly?

- If your saved your holly

- your - beloved, saint - elected

- Are you holy today?

- **Lev. 11:44-45**

5:27- I Charge you - it's a command

- It's a command for you to go to church and read you bible.

- I worship God in nature on the lake

- Do you read scripture while fishing

5:28- It takes grace to get saved and it takes grace to live for Jesus Christ.

5:1- **Time & seasons** = years and months

- We know what time it is

- **2Tim. 3:1-5**- Perilous times

5:2- **You know perfectly the time and season**.

- You can't know the day or the hour, but you can know the time and season.

- **Mt. 16:1-3**- Jesus rebukes them for not knowing the signs of the times.

- 1st Coming the wise men new they watched the stars.

- They were going by Daniels 70 weeks

- **Dan. 9**

- They came and presented gifts.

5:2- **Thief comes at night**

- You don't know when he comes.

- **Rev. 3:3**- If therefore thou shalt not watch.

- If your not watching he comes as a thief.

- If your watching he doesn't come as a thief.

- **Rev. 16:15**- Behold I come as a thief.

- Most Christians are not watching.

- Christ will come as an uninvited guest.

5:2- day of the Lord - not of Christ

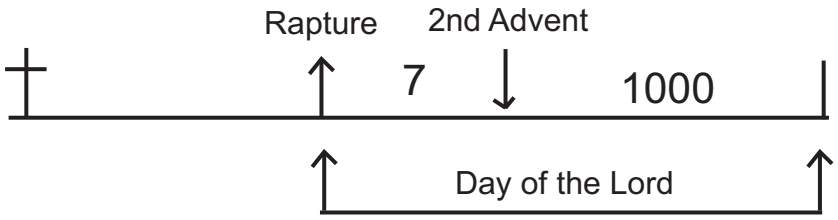
- Day - 24 hr period

  - 1000 years - 2Pet. 3:8

  - 7 days

- **Gen. 2:3-4** - 2 different days — 24hr. & 7 days

- **2Pet. 3:10**- day of the Lord



- The **Day of the Lord** starts at the Rapture and goes to the end of the 1000 year reign of Christ.

- **Day of Christ** - is the Rapture.

- **2Pet. 3:10**- The Day of the Lord includes

  - Rapture

  - 7 year tribulation

  - 1000 year reign

- The elements melt at the end of the 1000 yr. reign.

- **The Day of the Lord** could be referring to any one of these periods.

- God the Father = Soul

God the Son = Body

God the Spirit = Holy Spirit

Gen. 1:26-27 - let us make man in our image, after our likeness

Gen. 5:1-3- Adam was made in Gods image but his kids were made in his fallen image.

5:23- spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the

- We are preserved blameless not sinless.

- Holiness is God working on all 3 parts of you.

1- It starts with the spirit - he saves it

2- He is sanctifying your heart, soul and mind, your decision making ability.

3- doing 1 & 2 will effect your outward man but it wont be complete until the rapture when you get a new body.

- How are you blameless - Confess it.

- 1Jh. 1:9- If we confess our sins he is faithful and...

5:24- We are called to Salvation, to live a christian life and he will call us out.

5:24- Ph. 1:6
1Cor 1:9
Rom. 8:30
1Pet. 5:10.

We were painting the ceilings of John Deere at night while the business was closed. We finished about 3 am and was locking the outside gate and just as we locked the gate and got into the truck a police car drove by. Tim gunned it making it look like we were robbers. The police car spun around and turned on his lights it wasn't no time and he caught us. It was funny but it was very wrong Tim gave the appearance we were crooks.

- Abstain from all appearance of evil

5:23- God wants you to be blameless until the Lord comes back

- **2Cor. 7:1**- ...let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh an spirit

- Rapture is a good motivator to live holy.

- You don't want to be caught doing something wrong when Christ comes back.

5:23- Sanctified = Made holy, consecrated, set apart for sacred living.

Wholly = Entirely, fully

5:23- 3 parts - Body, soul & spirit

- spirit = God conscience

- soul = Your conscience

- flesh = flesh

- Tabernacle = Flesh - Outer Court

Soul - Holy Place

Spirit - Holy of Holies

- God is a trinity

- **Isa. 2:12-22** - 2nd Advent

- **Joel 2:1-2** - Tribulation

- **Amos 5:18**- Tribulation

- **Zeph. 1:14-18**- 2nd Advent

5:3- Peace & safety

- World has a false peace

- Pope - Peace, peace

- There is no peace

- **Isa. 48:22**

- " **57:21**

59:8

- **Jer. 6:14**

" **8:11**

- **Dan. 11:21**- Antichrist will come in peaceably.

5:3- travail upon a woman with child.

- Most women never have their baby on the day the doctor said.

- You don't know when it going to come.

- We know the time and the season.

- The baby will be delivered sometime in June, we don't know the day or hour but we do know the season.

5:3 - The 2nd Advent is compared to a woman with child.

5:3- and they shall not escape

- **Jh. 3:36** - wrath of God
- **Eph. 5:6** - wrath of God
- You will not escape the damnation of God
- Your soul does not get destroyed and you non-exist.
- **Rev. 14:11**- they have no rest day or night

5:3- The world is not getting better and better but worse.

- **2Tim. 3:13**- ...shall wax worse and worse

5:4- you shouldn't be surprised

- When your wife tells you it's time to go to the hospital you don't get all excited you've had 9 months to prepare.
- Are you waiting and watching for the Lord to come back.
- Are you looking for that blessed hope.

5:4- are not in darkness

- We are not in the dark when it comes to future events.

5:5- Ye are all the children of light

- Only if you are saved and born again.
- He is talking to the saved Thessalonians.

- **Isa. 28:10** - ...line upon line

5:21- hold fast that which is good

- Once you find the truth - - hold on to it.
- **Mt. 24:35**
- Hold fast - that which is good
- Opposite - Let go to the bad
- Good bible - hold on to it

5:22- Abstain from all appearance of evil

- The New Testament has higher standards then the OT
- If it appears evil stay away from it.
- This covers all doubtful cases
- If you have any doubt - its wrong
- **Rom. 14:23**- whatsoever is not of faith is sin
- ILL- drinking pepsi in a brown paper bag in front of the liquor store.
- It appears your drinking liquor
- Changed in all the false bibles
- NIV = reject every kind of evil
- NWT= abstain from every form of wickedness
- ILL- Tim at John Deere

- It's not a book of mystery it is revealed revelation.

- **Rev. 19:10**- Testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

- A saved man- knows the future- I am going to heaven

- A lost man- doesn't know because he's not going.

- A lost man can still know the future - I am going to hell

- **Isa. 64:6**-

- **Ps. 39:5**

5:21- Prove all things

- Don't take a preachers word for it prove it with the scriptures

- **Acts 17:11**- Searched the scriptures daily whether those were so.

- How do you prove it.

- New gun- man takes it out and shoots it - Proof tested

- **Isa. 8:20**

- **1Jh. 4:1**- Try the spirits

- People accept or get mad because they don't know the scriptures.

- Faith that can not be tested cannot be trusted.

- How do you do it?

- **1Cor. 2:13**- ...comparing spiritual things with spiritual

- Scripture with scripture

5:5- we are children of light

- so don't put on white sheets and start looking up in the air trying to look spiritual.

- **Acts 1:11**- why stand ye gazing up into heaven

- **Lk. 21:28**- Look up and lift up your heads for your redemption draweth nigh.

- The Lord wants you to be constantly ready.

- **Lk. 19:13**- Occupy till I come.

5:6- Spiritual sleep

- Spiritual slumber, indifference

- Don't be caught napping

- Sleep walking

- You hear Gods word but never do it. It slowly fades away so it don't mean anything anymore.

- It's a cold heart.

- This church isn't what it use to be

- No your not what you use to be

- Your asleep

- **Pilgrims Progress -** The trials of Christian.

  - His greatest trial was the enchanted ground.

  - Falling asleep

  - You stay up all night the closer you get to day light

- the harder it is to stay awake.

- **Rom. 13:12**- cast off the works of darkness

- **Mal. 4:2**- Sun of righteousness

- 2Pet. 1:19 - Day star

5:6- as do others

- We get talking and criticizing others and we fall asleep ourselves.

- Heb. 2:1-

- Rom. 2:1-

- Pr. 6:10-11

- SOS. 2:15-

- Gal. 5:9-

- Pr. 23:21-

- **Sleep** - physical & spiritual

- When your asleep you are

- 1- Ignorant, unaware

- **Isa. 56:10**

- **2-Insenceable** - unable to feel

- **Lk. 22:46**

- People are asleep and have no feelings

- you do nothing to the flesh.

- You walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

- So many people concentrate on the flesh.

- It's dead, corrupt

- You crucify the flesh - deny it

- **Gal. 2:20**- I am crucified with Christ

- You have to die daily

- **1Cor. 15:31**

- You can't do anything to your flesh its dead

- **Rom. 7:18**- For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing.

- You try to get victory over sin in the flesh - you cant do it.

- Walk in the Spirit

- Listen and obey the Spirit

- If you grieve and quench the Spirit his voice will get quieter and quieter until you can't hear him.

- **1Jh. 1:9**- Confess your sin

5:20- Despise not prophesyings

- Prophesyings = telling the future

- Heaven, 2nd Advent, Millennium, etc.

- The book of Revelation is not hard its revealed

- **2Tim. 1:6**- stir up the gift of God

- Paul told Timothy get stirred up

- Camp fire is going out you have to stir up th coals and it takes off again

- you need stirred up

- You need a preacher to come and stir you up and preach.

5:19- Quench not the Spirit

- Formalism and legalism will quench the Spirit

- Kill a church

- Liberalism and sin will also kill a church

- Fake Christianity will also quench the Spirit Pentecostal's, Charismatic's, Apostolic's

- **Ps. 16:11**- A just weight and balance are the Lords.

- You need a balance

- When you disobey the Spirit you weaken his influence.

- **Gal. 5:16**- Walk in the Spirit

- **Gal. 5:18**- If ye be led of the Spirit

- You are led when you yield to the Spirits influence.

- When you quench the Spirit then your not walking in the Spirit

- If your having trouble in the flesh

- How do you overcome the flesh

- They don't care what is going on around them.

- They are insenceable

- Jesus needed them to pray, they were sleeping

- Why for sorrow.

- **Lk. 22:45**- sleeping for sorrow

  - sleeping is an escape like food

3- Defenseless

- No power to resist temptation

- **Jud.16** - **Samson**

- Samson slept but the Philistines never slept.

- The Devil never sleeps or quits.

- **Jud. 4:18-21**

  - **Sisera** slept and Jael put a tent stake through him

4- Inactive

- **Mt. 13:25**- while men slept

- **Mt. 25:5**-

5- You dream

- **Isa. 29:8**- your dreams deceive you.

- you think your ok but your not - your dreaming.

- **1Cor. 15:34**- Awake to righteousness. .

- **Isa. 29:9-10**- deep sleep

- **Isa. 29:13-15**

- **Rev. 3:17**- your asleep - wake up

- When everything is going well then you have the tendency to go to sleep.

- Few people sleep in a storm but many sleep on a calm night.

- Christian fellowship keeps you from falling asleep.

5:6- Watch - awake, alert

- Be sober - Be serious, sane

- **Isa. 29:9** - their drunk but not with liquor.

- Their intoxicated with the things of the world.

- Covetous

- **Rom. 13:11**

- **1Cor. 15:34**

- **Eph. 5:14**

5:7- Rule of thumb

5:8- The day - wake up

Be sober- clean up

Putting on- dress up - spiritual clothes

5:16,17,18 - If you do 16 & 17 you will be thanking God in 18

5:18- In everything give thanks

- Everything - good or bad

- Will of God

- In everything give thanks this doesn't need interpreted it needs practiced.

5:19- Quench not the Spirit

- Quench = Extinguish, put out, smother

- It's like putting out a fire

- **Rev. 4:5** - lamps filled with oil and burning- Holy Spirit

5:15-22- These all go toghether - It's bible

- Worship that ignores the bible is not spiritual.

- The Holy Spirit speaks through the Bible.

- **Eph. 4:30**- Grieve not

- **Jh. 14:16**- Comforter - abide forever

- You can quench the Holy Spirits influence in you life

- Holy Spirit is like fire inside you

- Fire - gives light and warmth

- The more you feed a fire the stronger it gets.

- The Holy Spirit will warm your heart so you are tender to the things of God

- Place is not important

- Most people only pray in church.

- You can pray anywhere - everywhere - 365 day a year

- As a christian you shouldn't be anywhere you cant pray.

- It's a privilege - anytime

- **Est. 4:11, 5:2**- Holds out the golden scepter.

- **Heb. 4:16**- We can come boldly unto the throne anytime.

- The scepter is risen all the time.

- Morning - noon - night

- We get wore out but not God

- Never stop praying

- ILL- Weight lifter

  - lifts weights for years to hit 500 lbs once he hits it he doesn't stop because he would lose it. He has to maintain it.

  - Once you get that sweet relationship you don't stop you keep praying everyday and it gets sweeter and sweeter.

- Lk. 18:1

- **Lk. 11:1**- always be in the spirit of prayer

- If you think you don't need prayer pray for those who do.

5:8- Breast plate

- Covers the heart - love

- **Breast plate and Helmet**

  - Why is he talking about Soldiers

  - It's war time - Spiritual battle

  - **2Tim. 2:3**- Endure therefore hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

  - **2Cor. 10:4**- our weapons are not carnal.

  - **Eph. 6:12**

  - We are Soldiers don't forget.

- **Helmet**

  - You cover your head so the devil starts working on your mind - doupt

  - 1Pet. 1:13

  - 2Tim. 1:7

  - 2Th. 2:2

  - Ph. 3:19

  - Isa. 26:3

5:8- ...the hope of salvation

- the = adjective

- I am saved = my soul is but not my body.

- The hope of salvation is the redemption of your body.

- **Salvation has 3 tenses**

  - **Past tense** - saved from the penalty fo sin

  - **Present tense** - Power of sin

  - **Future tense** - Presence of sin

- **Rom. 8:21-25**

- They were not hoping they were saved

- **1Th. 1:4**- Knowing

- **1Th. 4:17**- we

- **Heb. 6:19**

- The unsaved is without hope

- **Eph. 2:12** - No hope without God

5:9- God hath not appointed us to wrath.

- Tribulation

- Hell

- Lake of Fire

5:9- but to obtain salvation

- How do you obtain something you already have?

- Our soul & spirit are saved but were waiting for the salvation of our body. It's still future.

- That's a lost man

- When your rejoicing

  - Temptations are not as strong

  - It helps to fight sin

- People sin because they want to be happy

- **Ps. 42:5-6,11** - He is talking to himself

- Why art thou cast down - Hope thou in God

- Encourage yourself

- **1Sam. 30:6**- David encouraged himself

5:17- Pray without ceasing.

- You leave the reciever offf the hook so you stay in touch with God.

- Be ready at all times

- How can you pray without ceasing you have to eat and sleep?

- It's praying to yourself you acnt be praying out loud all the time.

- **Ex. 14:15**- Moses prayed to God but not our loud to himself.

- Prayed in his heart

- You don't have to pray on your knees.

- Voice

5:16- Rejoice evermore

- It's a command

- Joy takes the burden out of service

- **Neh. 8:10**- the joy of the Lord is your strength

- **Deu. 28:47**

5:16- Rejoice evermore

- You never stop

- Some things being once done are over with.

- Never fold your hands for lack of something to do, but enter upon all your duties with delight.

- Never stop

- Rejoice about everything

- **Mk. 9:49**- Every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.

- Every duty should be with rejoicing.

- **Mt. 5:12**-

- **Ph. 4:4**- Groan in the Lord always and again I say groan.

- If your not saved you can't rejoice

- Hos. 9:1- Rejoice not

- If your lost you have nothing to rejoice in

- **Isa. 57:21**- there is no peace saith the Lord

- Pr. 14:13- Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful.

5:9- For God hath not appointed us to wrath

- **Rev. 16:1**- Tribulation

- We are not going through the Tribulation

- We are not appointed to wrath

- **Jh. 3:36**-

- Tribulation = the time of Jacobs trouble - Israel

- **Jer. 30:7**- The time of the Churches trouble?

- **Dan. 9:24-27, 12:1**- Daniels 70th week

- Rapture of the Church is a mystery in the Old Testament.

- **1Cor. 15:51**-

- Tribulation rapture was not a mystery it was revealed.

  - **Ps. 50:4-5, Isa. 26:16-21, Deu. 16:16, Eze. 37:1-14 Rev. 11:12, 20:5-6**

- **Jude 14** - The Lord comes with his saints not for his saints.

- The greatest proof were not going through the Tribulation were saved by grace through faith.

- Salvation in the Church age is faith only.

- **Eph. 2:8-9**

- In the Tribulation is faith & works

- **Rev. 12:17**

- **Rev. 14:12**

- We cannot loose our Salvation

- Tribulation - Yes you can.

- **Mt. 24:13**

- **Heb. 3:6,14, 6:1-6, 10:26**

- **2Tim. 2:15**- Study- to learn how to rightly divide the scriptures.

- **1Th. 4:18**- We couldn't give comfort if you were In the tribulation.

- **Rev. 1-3**- is about the Church.

- **Rev. 4:1**- Door opened and the Church goes up

- **Rev. 5-19** - No church

- **Rev. 19** - The Church comes back with Christ

5:10- Who - Christ vs 9

- Christ died for us.

- Wake or sleep = alive or dead

5:10- we should live together with him.

- There is no soul sleep for the church age saint.

- **2Cor. 5:8**- absent from the body...

- **Gen. 35:18**- as her soul was in departing

- **Ph. 1:21**- to die is gain

5:15- See none render evil for evil

- Don't retaliate - don't get even

- Don't put sugar in somebodies gas tank

- Don't drain oil out of some ones car

- A Christian can do just as mean things as a lost man

- See that **none** render evil

- **Rom. 12;17-21** - Vengeance is mine

- **Heb. 10:30**

5:15- None = Any man

5:16- 2nd shortest verse

- 1st verse - **Jh. 11:35**

5:16- Rejoice evermore

- **Ph. 4:4**

- How can I rejoice always

- Pray continually

5:16- Joy
5:17- Pray
5:18- Thankful

- When you pray and have joy in your heart you will be able to give thanks.

- Joy & prayer work together.

- Don't let them fall

- **Rom. 14-15**

- **Weak in faith**

- **Rom. 14:1**

- If you know somebody who is weak in the faith - pray for them support him, help the weak brother.

- **Rom. 14-15**- Weak Christians were afraid of the liberty in Christ.

- The ones that were weak in the faith were putting all these rules on people.

- Don't eat meat, observe days, etc.

5:14- be patient toward <u>all men</u>

- A lot of times we have more patients with lost people than we do with saved.

- It's easier to be patient with the lost because they have an excuse - <u>their lost.</u>

- Lost man goes out and lights up a cigarette and you pay him no attention.

- A saved man goes out and smokes a cigarette and you have a cow,

- Be patient toward both.

- These are commandments for Christians

5:11- Comfort yourselves

- **4:18**- comfort

5:11- even as ye also do

- There all ready doing it but Paul is saying keep doing it.

- In the light of the fact Jesus is coming back we are to edify and comfort one another.

- **Heb. 10:24-25**

5:12-13 - Brethren or Brother 29 times in 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

- If we are brethren were all in the same family

- A church family

- Do you neglect your family

- Is your family perfect - NO

- Neither is the Church

- Families fight, cry etc.

- A family with two heads is a monster.

- Every family needs a leader without one it will fail.

- The flock needs a shepherd

- Christ is the head of the Church

- Pastor is the head of the flock

- Dad is the head of the home..

5:12- know them - to accept them.

- **Eph. 4:10-12** - The preacher is a gift from god

- You need preached to.

5:12- among you and are over you.

- Over you spiritually

5:12- among you - not above you but with you

- A pastor is no better than you

- As a person he is a sinner just like you.

- A pastor can't be among the people to much because then they become buddy buddy and lose their respect.

- Lose their authority

- **5:12**- Accept them

- **5:12**- Respect them

- **5:13**- Love them

- **Heb. 13:17**- Obey them

- **Heb. 13:17**- Submit to them

5:13- esteem them very highly in love

- 1Tim. 5:17

- esteem = lift up

5:13- their works sake

- People who don't respect their pastor the work will suffer.

5:14- warn them that are unruly

- Warn people who are rebellious and don't go by the rules.

- Someone who doesn't keep rank.

- 2Th. 3:6,11

- The brethren are supposed to warn each other.

- The pastor doesn't do all the work.

- Pastor watches over the flock

- The sheep reproduce sheep.

5:14- comfort the feeble minded.

- weak in mind

- They need help in making decisions

- Comfort them, help them, encourage them

- You don't treat everybody the same

- Heb. 12:3- Lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds

5:14- support the weak

- Holding them up

- Lot of times all we want do do is do things that give us recognition.

- May be God wants you to help out a weak person

- Get underneath them and support them, keep them from falling

- Comfort the feeble minded