

CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT

SERIES THEME: To better understand and be inspired by a Biblical view of Heaven

TODAY'S THEME: Christ is coming back soon

TODAY'S TEXT: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Gospel message:

- The problem: _____
- The solution: _____
- The offer: _____
- The response: _____
- The new life: _____

I. STAY _____

A. We Are Daytime People

- > The Thessalonians did not stress about times and dates
 - They lived in the light
- > We have no need to _____
 - Believers live in the light of day

B. The _____ Is Creeping In

- > We must ask: "Where am I being lulled to sleep?"
- > We need to live awake and sober
 - Knowing God's Word and _____ His voice

- > Many will say, "Peace and safety" but they live in the darkness
- > When night creeps in, _____ are not the enemy

II. FIGHT THE _____

A. Be Dressed For Battle

- > Paul writes about _____ imagery in the New Testament
 - But it's not a physical battle we wage
 - Ephesians 6:12-13a
- > We fight with faith, hope and love:
 - Faith ...
 - ... _____ • Ephesians 2:8-9
 - ... is _____ • 1 Corinthians 12:9; James 2:18b
 - ... is _____ • 1 Thessalonians 1:8b
 - Hope ...
 - ... is an _____ • Hebrews 6:19
 - ... _____ your mind • 1 Thess. 5:8
 - Love ...
 - ... can fade • Matthew 24:12
- > Put on these qualities and you'll fight the good fight!

B. We Don't Fight _____

- > Christ-followers must move in grace and love towards others
 - _____ cannot overcome darkness

> Are you currently in a battle? _____!

• 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

- We have more power available to us than we tend to believe

III. ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

A. _____ Each Other Up

> Stick together

- Remind one another of Christ's soon return

- There's _____ ahead!

CONCLUSION: 1 Peter 4:7-8

Pray and love. Deeply.