

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, 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 like a thief in the night.

3 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. ⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ 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."

How to be True Light in such a darkness in our world.

- I. We are living in a critical timing. So rise up and live in anticipation.
 - 1. Examples from our context in Bethlehem and Palestine.

2. Living in Readiness and Anticipation means:

- a. Embracing a life style of preparedness, be concerned about what really matters!
- b. Living in the day, rejecting the works of darkness and living in the light. What does it mean?

1 Peter 2:9-10

II. Living as the Children of light.

Our identity as bearers of Christ Light = Ambassadors

2 Cor. 5:14-19

Ephesians 5:8-10

b. We have to manifest the Fruit of the Spirit.

Colossians 3:12-14

c. Equipping ourselves and those around us.

III. Being a Church of encouragement to the Global church and specially to the churches that exist in fragile contexts.

Conclusion:

Hebrews 10:24-25