## 興起成為真光的教曾

The church that arises and becomes the true light
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## 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. ${ }^{10} \mathrm{He}$ 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

