

# NOT ENOUGH TIME: HOW TO LIVE IN THE LAST DAYS

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

*Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

## ALERT AS GOD'S WARRIORS (v.1-7)

Because we are in a relationship with God, He transforms us and enables us to live out this life. We are not sons of darkness (v.4) who will face destruction in the day of the Lord because they are spiritually asleep and are not controlled by the Holy Spirit. We are sons of light (v.5), controlled by the Holy Spirit and will experience salvation. We therefore need to be spiritually alert and sober (v.6). The Greek word used for "be alert" is grēgoreō, which means to stay awake, be watchful, be vigilant, or be on the lookout. It is an imperative command, urging believers to maintain a state of spiritual awareness and preparedness. It means being spiritually awake, not just coasting through life.

## ARMED WITH GOD'S WEAPONS (v.8)

What thoughts are entering your mind? Is it aligned with God's truth? Satan attacks our minds and deceives us, but the helmet of salvation protects our minds from his lies. We need to remember that we are saved through faith in Christ alone, and to take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). As we face trials and struggles, we need to anchor ourselves in God's Word as it is God who helps us overcome (1 John 5:4) and by knowing His Word, we can think clearly and make good decisions. Remembering His promises helps us walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7).

God's Word is also the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17), which has the power to change lives by its one unifying message (2 Timothy 3:10-17): the gospel of Jesus Christ. By God's word we can also combat the lies of Satan, find our stability and hope in Jesus, and receive instructions on how to live in righteousness.

During the last days, we need to protect ourselves from misdirected love such as love for self, money, or pleasure (2 Timothy 3:1-2). God wants us to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Always check your heart. Love God first and foremost.

## ASSURED BY GOD'S WORD (v.9-11)

The Bible is so reliable you can build your life on it, so study, memorize, and teach it! Knowing God's Word and living our lives based on biblical truth enables us to fully believe in His promises and look forward to experiencing their fulfillment as we are transformed to become more Christ-like.

God gives us the assurance that if we're in Christ, whether awake (alive) or asleep (dead), we will live together with Him (vv.9-10) for eternity. We are no longer children of wrath because Jesus Christ bore our sins and experienced the most excruciating pain so that we may have life. Let us encourage one another (v.11) — our greatest comfort is in the assurance that what we have in Christ is a glorious future!

### last week's memory verse

For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:9-10

### discuss this message

Are you spiritually alert or asleep? Why do you say so?  
What armor do you need to appropriate in your life as we live in these last days?  
What is your view of the Bible? How do you plan to study, apply, and teach God's word this week?

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Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM  
G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12)

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YOU BEING HERE IS NO ACCIDENT!

**God brought you here  
for His purpose.**

### God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful  
life with Him in the present and gain  
eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God,  
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps  
His covenant and His lovingkindness** to  
a thousandth generation with those who  
love Him and keep His commandments  
– Deuteronomy 7:9*

### God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us  
from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from  
God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23*

### God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for  
us to be reconciled to Him: through His  
son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the  
cross for our sins and be raised to life for  
eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love  
toward us, in that while we were yet  
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more  
then, having now been justified by His  
blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of  
God through Him. – Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life;  
no one comes to the Father but through  
Me. – John 14:6*

### God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we  
are forgiven of our sins and saved from  
eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave  
His only begotten Son, that whoever  
believes in Him shall not perish, but have  
eternal life. – John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through  
faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift  
of God; not as a result of works, so that no  
one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9*

**Would you like to place your faith in Jesus  
Christ today?**

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I  
am a sinner. I believe that You died on  
the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your  
help, I will turn away from my sins. Please  
come into my life and be my Savior and  
my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal  
life. Make me the kind of new person You  
want me to be. Thank You for giving me  
eternal life. Amen.

### God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life  
when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has  
given us eternal life, and this life is in His  
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he  
who does not have the Son of God does  
not have the life. These things I have  
written to you who believe in the name of  
the Son of God, so that you may know that  
you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13*

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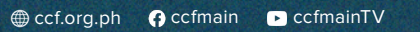

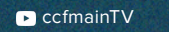
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