

# Williamsburg Community Chapel Men's Breakfast



**March 29, 2019**

**1 Thessalonians** is *our call to wait well for Christ's return.*

**What are you waiting for?**

**How are you waiting for it?**



**Thessalonica**

**Paul's Second Missionary Journey (A.D. 49-51)**

# The Book of 1 Thessalonians



**#8 – *Waiting Well Requires Spiritual Sobriety***  
**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

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# *Waiting Well Requires Spiritual Sobriety*

## **(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)**

- The return of Christ is *a major theme of the NT.*

- **Chapel Statement of Faith:**

**We believe ...** *In the bodily Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to claim His own people and to set all things in order.*

# *Waiting Well Requires Spiritual Sobriety*

## **(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)**

**1) Christ's return will be sudden and inescapable (5:1-3)**

### **Ezekiel 30:3**

*For the day is near, the day of the LORD is near; it will be a day of clouds, a time of doom for the nations.*

### **Joel 1:15**

*Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is near, and as destruction from the Almighty, it comes.*

# *Waiting Well Requires Spiritual Sobriety* **(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)**

**1) Christ's return will be sudden and inescapable (5:1-3)**

**2 Peter 3:10**

*But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.*

# *Waiting Well Requires Spiritual Sobriety* **(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)**

## **2) Christ's return requires spiritual sobriety (5:4-7)**

### **Colossians 1:13**

*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*



# *Waiting Well Requires Spiritual Sobriety*

## *(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)*

### **2) Christ's return requires spiritual sobriety (5:4-7)**

#### **Matthew 24:42-44**

*Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*

# *Waiting Well Requires Spiritual Sobriety* (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

## 2) Christ's return requires spiritual sobriety (5:4-7)

### Revelation 16:15

*“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one **who stays awake**, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”*

# *Waiting Well Requires Spiritual Sobriety*

## **(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)**

### **3) Spiritual sobriety requires preparation (5:8-11)**

#### **Ephesians 6:13-18**

*Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness ... and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God ...*

# *Waiting Well Requires Spiritual Sobriety* **(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)**

## **3) Spiritual sobriety requires preparation (5:8-11)**

### **Romans 13:11-12**

*Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.*

# *Waiting Well Requires Spiritual Sobriety* (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

## **3) Spiritual sobriety requires preparation (5:8-11)**

**How do we *remain prepared* for Christ's return?**

1) a growing **faith**

2) expressed through **love**

3) rooted in the **hope** of our salvation

# *Waiting Well Requires Spiritual Sobriety* (1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

“The term (salvation) ... seems to be used by Paul to include all the blessings of the gospel – present life in Christ and future life with Christ, the indwelling Spirit maintaining the former and guaranteeing the latter; redemption from the mastery of sin, justification by faith, adoption into God’s family, progressive conformity to the character of Christ, preservation from the end-time ‘wrath’ and the hope of glory.”

- **F.F. Bruce**

***Waiting Well Requires Spiritual Sobriety***  
**(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)**

**He lived for you,  
He died for you,  
He lived again,  
that you might too.**

# *Waiting Well Requires Reassurance*

## (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

### **Questions:**

- 1) What thoughts come to mind when you think about “the Day of the Lord?”
- 2) How can we be best prepared for the return of Christ?
- 3) Do you know someone who needs to be encouraged with the news of His coming?



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**Next Week:** *1 Thessalonians 5:12-22*

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Have a great week of waiting well.

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