

## Chapter 5

(1) But of the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need that I write to you.

(2) Because you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord<sup>a</sup> so comes as a thief in the night.

(3) Because when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction will come upon them, as birth pains upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

(4) But you, brothers, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.<sup>b</sup>

(5) You are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

(6) Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*; but let us watch and be sober.

(7) Because those who sleep, sleep in the night; and those who get drunk get drunk in the night.

(8) But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.

(9) Because God has not appointed us to wrath {anger; judgment}, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

(10) Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

(11) Therefore comfort yourselves together, and encourage one another, even as you also do.

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5:2a -- the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ - Armageddon  
- see note on I Cor. 1:8

5:4b – Note the emphasis on the pronouns – they, they, you, you.  
The Day of the Lord comes suddenly upon unbelievers and they are caught off guard – but believers will not be caught off guard.