

Day of the Lord – Part 1 (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

Observations

- *What?* Those who are _____ (Acts 7:60)
 - 1) Do not grieve – as those without _____
 - 2) The “rest” =
 - 3) Why the sorrow? Their dead would miss the _____
- *Why* (they need not grieve)?
 - 1) If →
 - 2) Then →
- *How?* (vv. 15-17) By the _____ of the Lord
 - 1) (v. 16) The Lord will descend from heaven
 - 2) (v. 16) The dead _____ will rise _____
 - 3) (v. 17) The living _____ will rise next
 - a) “Caught up” _____
 - b) Meet the Lord _____ → _____ with the Lord

Lessons

- What is going to happen to those who are asleep?
 - 1) A reference to physical _____
 - 2) Believers –
 - 3) Unbelievers -
- The rapture
 - 1) The Lord shall descend (but does not _____)
 - 2) Not a _____ event
 - 3) With Him _____
- These truths should bring _____
- These truths should be _____

The Take-Away

- Imminence – Am I _____ (2 Tim. 4:8)
- People *are* _____

Motivation for Cultivating a Supreme Love for Christ

Key Scriptures: Matthew 10:37 Luke 14:26

_____ *love for* _____

Romans 5:8

- The demonstration:
- The circumstances:
- Possible responses

1 John 4:10-19 (vv. 10, 16, 19)

- V. 10 – Love is defined in _____
- V. 16 – *God is love* = God is the _____ of love
We have come to _____ and _____ the love of God
- V. 19 – We love because _____
- Decision – Will I _____ God’s _____ love?

Benefits

John 14:21-23 – promise of _____ with God / Christ

- V. 21 – Christ will _____ to them
- V. 23 – The Father and Son will _____ with them
- The issue: *not* does God love me? But...

1 John 5:2 – the best thing I can do for others is to _____ God

Questions to Consider

- Am I conscious of God’s _____ for _____ in my daily experience?
- If not, why not?
The decision:
- Is there a barrier keeping me from making this decision?
- If so, how can the Word of God help me break through this barrier?