

The Day of the Lord

1 Thess. 5:1-11

1. Don't be surprised, but be _____ . (vv. 1-2)

And they have no need to know any more, because _____
knows when the Day of the Lord will come.

This phrase does not refer to a single day, but to a period of time
which _____ with the return of the Lord Jesus to the
earth and dispensing judgment according to His will.

Paul clearly told them the Rapture has not happened, so they
_____ be in the Day of the Lord.

2. Don't be asleep, but be _____ . (vv. 3-8)

The world is caught by _____ because men will not hear
God's Word or heed God's warning.

There is a difference between being ready to go to _____
and being ready to meet the _____.

This is why Paul tells us to be alert and sober and to arm ourselves
for _____.

Since we are "sons of the day" we should not live as those who
belong to the darkness. That would be against our new _____,
given to us by Christ.

In other words, because "the day" is approaching, it is time to
_____ up, _____ up and _____ up.

3. Don't be afraid, but be _____ . (vv. 9-11)

Believers do not have to fear future judgment because it is not part
of God's appointed _____ for us.

But I do believe that the church will be raptured prior to the
Tribulation period that Paul is referring to here as the Day of the
Lord. Why?

- First, I believe Rev. 4 opens with the church already raptured
and in heaven.
 - ✓ There are 24 thrones and 24 elders, clothed in white robes
with crowns on their heads.
 - ✓ I believe this represents the united people of God, Israel
and the church, together in heaven.
- Also, there is no mention of the church being on the earth
during the Great Tribulation in Rev. 6-19.
- 1 Thess. 4:13-18 demands a pre-Tribulation rapture. These
events don't match Jesus' 2nd Coming.
- Jesus' promises in John 14:1-3 are parallel to 1 Thess. 4:13-18.
- Rev. 3:10, along with 1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9, promise that the
church will be spared the wrath of God that He will bring on
the world.
- A mid-Tribulation Rapture still leaves the church in the world
for many horrible events and considerable wrath, even though
the worst may be yet to come.
- A post-Tribulation Rapture is basically no rapture at all. And
protection in the midst of the wrath, which post-Tribbers claim,
is not the same as His promise to "keep you from" wrath in
Rev. 3:10.

Paul closed this section with the _____ application to
encouragement and edification.

A proper focus on the Lord's return helps to hold us up and build
us up when we recall that Jesus is coming again and His
_____ is with Him. (Rev. 22:12)