STUDY PAK 6

I THESSALONIANS CHAPTER 5

"All believers should be prepared, waiting, and watching, because His coming for the Church is imminent; but we are not to be idle, we are to occupy until He comes."

~~ Oliver B. Greene, *The Epistles of Paul the Apostle to the Thessalonians*, p. 151. ~~

I. THE DAY OF THE LORD, VERSES 1-11

A. A specific term of eschatology is used, "_____." This term is directly used about _____. The term "in that day" is used about _____. The term "day of Christ" is used _____ and the term "day of God" 2 times. There is a great deal of dispute among Bible teachers about this term. Are these all references to one event? How do you distinguish between these terms?

B. I personally believe all of the times one of these terms is used do not refer to the same, singular event. I believe that the term "day of" is a _____ _____. I believe that there are several different "days of" judgments. Many Bible teachers would disagree with the above statement.

C. I believe that the "day of the Lord" referred to here is the _____ _____, the 70th week of Daniel. It will come as a thief in the night; it will begin suddenly and unexpectedly (with the rapture).

D. Paul did not need to discuss the timing with them. We simply do not know. _____ date setting is wrong.

E. The Rapture is the day of blessed hope. The following Day of the Lord is a time of _____ - _____.

F. There is no reason for believers to be overwhelmed in darkness and confusion. The truth has been made clear to us. We know what is coming.

G. When we got saved, we left the kingdom of darkness and were translated into the kingdom of light.

H. We should be watchful and sober because we understand _____. We are responsible to carry out the _____ because it is God's plan for today. We are not preparing for the _____ period because we know we are not going through it. We are serving the Lord in this dispensation. We are not preparing _____ we know it is not coming until after the tribulation. See Romans 13:11-12.

I. We live in the light we should not act like we were asleep or drunk, Psalm 27:1; 1 John 1:5-7; Romans 11:13-14.

J. There is a _____ wrath coming, Revelation 6:17. It is beyond the _____ and _____ we face in this dispensation. We are not appointed to that wrath. We will be delivered from the Day of the Lord.

K. Those "asleep" still live for him just as we should.

L. True doctrine about the rapture is _____. Proper fellowship with other Christians is always encouraging and edifying. This is one of the purposes of _____, Hebrews 10:24-25.

II. SIXTEEN INSTRUCTIONS FOR A GODLY BLESSED CHURCH, VERSES 12-22

A. Number One

Know (understand your Pastor). This clearly refers to the pastor (labour among you, _____, _____). Never judge your pastor by any other pastor good or bad. Each pastor is unique get to understand them.

B. Number Two

_____ the pastor very highly because of the kind of work that he does.

C. Number Three

_____ the pastor.

D. Number Four

Be at _____. Church disputes hinder churches more than anything the world does.

E. Number Five

Warn the _____! Challenge those who live as if there were no rules.

F. Number Six

Comfort the feebleminded. The local church is often a special place for those with _____.

G. Number Seven

Support the weak. Be patient with new Christians, Romans 15:1.

H. Number Eight

Be patient toward _____ men. This command would be easier to obey it if said some men. Patience is a _____ not an option.

I. Number Nine

Do not return evil for evil. Do good regardless what others do. This is true whether you are dealing with other _____ or with the _____.

J. Number Ten

Always rejoice. The good news of our salvation should always mean more to us than the _____.

K. Number Eleven

Pray without ceasing. _____ and _____ in prayer are the key to getting things from God, Luke 18:1-8.

L. Number Twelve

Be thankful. It is the will of God for you to be thankful no matter what your circumstances are. After all you are saved and on your way to heaven.

M. Number Thirteen

Do not interrupt the Spirit of God at work in your life. Have your heart open to the work of God.

N. Number Fourteen

Despise not prophesyings.

Prophecy can refer to _____
or _____.
We do not have prophets in the first sense today, but certainly do in the second sense. We should not get angry when we get under conviction.

O. Number Fifteen

Prove all things. Compare _____ with _____. Don't believe things lightly. Study carefully, 2 Timothy 2:15.

P. Number Sixteen

Abstain from the appearance of evil. _____ appearance of evil.

III. THE CONCLUSION, VERSES 23-28

A. Paul's goal for the Thessalonians. The maturity of all believers.

B. Our faith is not based upon our faithfulness but upon the _____ _____.

C. Paul wanted prayer! There is no greater gift you can give than to pray for someone.

D. A physical greeting (holy kiss) was commanded.

E. The letter was not private it was for _____.

F. The traditional closing greeting of grace ends the letter.