

**Week 5      14 June 2020**  
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**“Build One Another Up in the Truth”**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 5:11**

**Sermon Outline**

- Life's burdens often weigh heavily on our minds (4:13)
- “Light of Day” thinking is required (5:5-6)
- Enabling us to see an amazing Messiah (5:8-9)
- Releasing us to live in the light of the truth (5:9-10)
- Empowering us to love without restriction (5:11)

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## Small Group Questions / Discussion

Faith in Christ means we have nothing to fear. However, sometimes we get distracted and we lose that assurance. Paul addresses 3 subjects in this passage – death, the return of Jesus and judgement. Which of these, if any, have the potential to cause you some anxiety?

Sometimes our thinking can become quite negative and we can start to doubt. How do you overcome this – how do you get your mind back to the facts? We are living in a time of “overlap” the kingdom of God has come but not in its completeness. What promise do you most need to remember, about what is still to come?

Paul reminds us of the truth about death. Yes we still experience grief but it is not grief without hope. What does Paul say in 4:13-18 that encourages you? What is it about the return of Christ that makes pregnancy such a good illustration?

The return of Jesus is something to get very excited about. Paul reminds us of some important details. Which of these aspects encourage you most? It will be **Personal** (Jesus himself), **Glorious** (the next and the last big thing in God’s plan) and **Universal** (everyone all over the world will witness it).

If the day of Judgement causes you anxiety, what truth do you need to re-establish? What does it mean when Paul says God did appoint us to suffer wrath? Why should we look forward to this day?

When we have true clarity about the gospel, we are released to live the wonderful life Jesus died to give us. When we have all the facts sorted, we are also empowered to love our neighbour. How does having the truth clearly in our minds, flow over into serving and loving others?

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