

## **Night People—Day People, Part 2**

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### I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:11.

B. Paul distinguishes night people (who dwell in darkness and chained in sins) and day people. (Psalm 107:10, Matthew 4:12, Acts 26:15)

C. We come to the light by faith in Jesus Christ. (Colossians 1:13, Ephesians 5)

D. The Thessalonians had a healthy fear of God's judgment. This caused some anxiety. (Malachi 3:16)

### II. Paul assures that God has always promised to secure the righteous.

### III. We should be encouraged by our nature, our behavior and our destiny.

A. Our nature--we are not in the realm of darkness. We have a new nature.

B. Our behavior--only day people can do the deeds of the day.

1. We are continually armed.

2. Faith protects us from temptations that question our credibility. The most important thing we can learn as a Christian is the character of God to base our lives on.

3. All sin reflects a failure of loving God as the supreme object of one's affection. (Romans 13)

4. Hope gives us something to look forward to. A heart filled with the hope of what it can become will keep one pure. (1 John 3:3)

C. Our destiny--God has not destined us for wrath.

1. Wrath can be general or refer to a specific day. (Matthew 3:7, Romans 2:5-8, Ephesians 5:6, Revelation 11)

2. The believer is destined for neither.

3. God's wrath is paid for by the sacrifice of Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:17; John 10:11; 14)

### IV. Conclusion: night people be warned; day people be comforted.

**Application Questions:**

1. How would you comfort a Christian who is afraid of the reality of hell?

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2. How can you be encouraged by your own behavior change if at all?

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3. Why do believers not have to fear God's wrath?

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