



## Tomorrow Might Not Come

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**TODAY'S READING:** 1 Thessalonians 5

Today you will interact with, walk past, and drive by people who are living their lives totally unaware that Christ will return one day. Most people do not want to think about death or what is beyond this life. Paul reminds Christians that we should be expecting and prepared for death and Christ's return. Paul uses language in verse two that is probably alluding to Roman propaganda. The Romans told each other that they had "peace and security," but eventually even the mighty Roman empire came to an end. Many people believe they have everything they need in life, but Paul reminds us in verse three that no one will escape God's coming judgement.

As Christians, what are we supposed to do when faced with this reality? Paul commands us to be awake and sober! In contrast to those who are asleep, Christians should care about their spiritual well-being each day of their lives. The unbeliever does not pay attention to what God has called us to do, but the Christian lives each day to prepare for eternity. Paul commands them to encourage each other! Each day we should be pointing others to the truth that Christ died for us, and that this life is not all that there is. In verse 14, Paul commands us to admonish the idle (notice Paul giving commands, these are not optional for the Christian). Admonishing the idle means urging people who are sitting back and doing nothing about their relationship with God to wake up! How do we do this? Paul says we should be patient with others and encourage them. Just as God is patient with you, you should be patient with unbelievers who are not thinking about spiritual things. Just as Christ died for you and has shown you grace, you should extend grace to others even when they sin against you.

Christian, rejoice in the fact that God made you alive and able to understand spiritual things! Thank God each day for saving you and pray for those around you who are only focused on the here and now. Test everything according to God's Word. Build your life upon the truth of scripture and look forward to the day that Christ returns!

**PRAYER:** God, you are sovereign and holy! Thank You for opening my eyes to see the truth of salvation. Make me aware of those around me who are lost and use me to talk to them about Christ.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** 2 Thessalonians 1

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