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***“1Th. 5:1 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, “Peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.” (NKJV)***

### Introduction:

- What question is Paul answering?

### I. What is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming like for the Unbeliever? (v 1-3) –

- It is \_\_\_\_\_
- The Day of the Lord (Matthew 24) –

#### The Beginning – (v4-14)

- Many will come to deceive and claim to be Christ (v4-5)
- There will be wars (v6-7a)
- There will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes (v7b)
- The world will hate and kill Christians around the world (v9)
- The world will be full of sin, betrayal, and hate (v10)
- There will be many false prophets (v11)
- The love of the world will grow cold because people don’t follow the law (v12)
- The gospel is preached to all the world (v13-14)
- THEN the END will come (v14b)

#### The Tribulation – (v15-28)

- The abomination of desolation – Dan 9:27 (v15)
- Thus begins the Great Tribulation (v21)
- Don’t be deceived by false reports of Jesus’ return. Jesus will return in a way that all will notice in the world (v27-28)

#### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming – (v29-31)

- Astrological events (sun, moon, stars, heaven) will take place right after the tribulation (v29)
- Jesus will return (v30)
- The trumpet will sound (v31a)
- Angels will gather the elect from all over the world (v31)

Therefore (v32-51):

- Be alert and watch for these signs (v32-44)
- God will reward the faithful (v45-51)

1. Thief in the Night –

2. Peace and Safety –

3. Labor Pains –

## II. What is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming like for the Believer? (v 4-5) –

- It is \_\_\_\_\_
- Light vs Dark –

## III. How do Believers Prepare for Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming? (v 6-11) –

- Be \_\_\_\_\_
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## Take Away –

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