

ANTICIPATING JESUS' RETURN
1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11 (ESV)

I. While Jesus' return will be a _____ day of judgment for unbelievers, it will be an _____ day of joy for Christians.

A. Some unbelievers are unaware, due to simple _____ (sleep)—they've never _____ or understood the Gospel.

B. Other unbelievers are willfully unaware, due to _____ of the Gospel borne of a desire for _____ (drunkenness).

C. The false prophets of Satan in the world _____ and _____ those sleeping and drunk by assuring them that God's justice is not coming.

D. For believers, Jesus' _____ return will be an expected, wonderful _____: justice, restoration, and eternal life with Jesus and one another.

II. We should live every day with _____, sleepless, sober _____ for the imminent return of Jesus.

We should...

A. Recognize that remaining faithful in the end times is a _____,

B. _____ the faithfulness of God to keep His promises
(faith),

C. Find the _____ to keep going, because of our imminent
salvation (hope), and

D. Love God and people like it's our last _____ on _____.

1. Live for the _____ of God (love of God), rather than the
desires of the _____ (love of self).

2. Live every day like it's your last opportunity to share the
_____ and _____ of the Gospel with others.

3. Love the people God has put under our care _____ and
_____.