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PREPARATION FOR CHRIST'S
COMING

1 Thessalonians 5, NIV

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Watchfulness

**You know very well that
the day of the Lord
will come like a thief in the night.**

**While people are saying,
"Peace and safety,"**

**destruction will come on them
suddenly,**

**as labor pains on
a pregnant woman,
and they will not escape.**

***But you, brothers,
are not in darkness***

***so that this day should surprise
you like a thief.***

***You are all sons of the light and
sons of the day.***

***We do not belong to the night or
to the darkness.***

**So then, let us not be like others,
who are asleep,
but let us be alert and
self-controlled.**

**For those who sleep,
sleep at night,
and those who get drunk,
get drunk at night.**

***But since we belong to the day,
let us be self-controlled,***

***putting on faith and
love as a breastplate,
and the hope of salvation
as a helmet.***

**For God did not appoint us
to suffer wrath**

**but to receive salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**He died for us so that,
whether we are awake or asleep,
we may live together with him.**

***Therefore encourage one another
and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing.***