



## Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

### **Christian, a Big Day is Coming! November 7-9, 2020**

*(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11) Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,<sup>2</sup>for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.<sup>3</sup>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.*

*<sup>4</sup>But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.<sup>6</sup>So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.<sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.<sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.<sup>9</sup>For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>10</sup>He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

1. (Besides Judgment Day), what future event(s) are you looking forward to?

2. Why do you think some religious leaders have tried to predict the day of Jesus' return (in spite of what Scripture says)?

3. Agree/disagree: For Christians, the Day of the Lord's return will be like a thief.

4. What do you think Paul means by “people will be saying ‘Peace and safety’”?

5. According to vv. 6-7, our identity as Christians impacts our attitude/behavior as Christians (and not vice versa). Explain.

6. What temptations does Satan hurl at you in connection with the Final Judgment?

7. How will God's armor listed in v. 8 protect you from being hurt by the Satan's temptations listed in the previous question?

8. List three ways that the words “awake” and “asleep” (v. 10) might be defined. Which definition do you prefer and why?

9. A friend says to you, “I don't want to go to church to listen to a pastor preach about Judgment Day.” How would you respond?