***The First Epistle of Paul the Apostle to the***

**Thessalonians**

**Chapter 5**

*The Saints will know the season of the Second Coming of Christ—Live the way Saints should live—Rejoice evermore—Do not despise prophesyings.*

**1**But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.

**2**For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

**3**For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.

**4**But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.

**5**Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

**6**Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

**7**For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.

**8**But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation.

**9**For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

**10**Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.

**11**Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

**12**And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

**13**And to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. And be at peace among yourselves.

**14**Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.

**15**See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

**16**Rejoice evermore.

**17**Pray without ceasing.

**18**In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

**19**Quench not the Spirit.

**20**Despise not prophesyings.

**21**Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

**22**Abstain from all appearance of evil.

**23**And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**24**Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

**25**Brethren, pray for us.

**26**Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.

**27**I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

**28**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

¶ The first epistle unto the Thessalonians was written from Athens.\*