

## How to be Ready for Christ's Return 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11



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Recognise the dangers  
and protect yourselves!

**DANGER**

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### 1. Recognise the dangers

- Dares
- Doubt
- Darkness
- Dozing off

Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.  
(Hebrews 9:27-28)

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“I give them eternal life and they shall never perish; no-one can snatch them out of my hand.”

(John 10:18)



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A man and wife asleep in bed  
 She hears a noise and turns her head  
 He's gone.  
 I wish we'd all been ready.  
 Two men walking up a hill  
 One disappears and one's left standing still.  
 I wish we'd all been ready.  
 There's no time to change your mind  
 The Son has come and you've been left behind.

(From 'I wish we'd all been ready' by Larry Norman)

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After all the things that you have shown me  
 I'd be a fool to let them slip away.  
 Been doing things I know I shouldn't do  
 Well I don't wanna fall away from you.

(From 'I don't wanna fall away from you' by Keith Green)

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I need your strength, the strength that prevails.  
 I don't want to fall away; I don't want to lose  
 heart. I choose you above all things. I pray for  
 a supernatural resilience, God. Fill me with  
 your overcoming strength, a victorious  
 strength.

(From *Resilient* by John Eldredge)

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## 2. Protect yourselves

- Individually (vs 8-10)

Put on your spiritual armour.



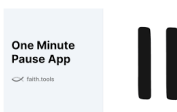
Put on faith and love  
as a breastplate.

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### Put on faith

**For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.**  
(1 Corinthians 15:3-7)

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Put on love.



Put on the hope of  
salvation as a helmet.

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God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. (vs 9)

He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. (vs 10)

We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.  
(1 Thessalonians 1:3)

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## 2. Protect yourselves

- Together as a church (vs 11)

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (vs 11)



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Let's encourage each other to keep going spiritually.

Let's build each other up.

Be merciful to those who doubt; snatch others from the fire and save them...  
(Jude vs 22-23)

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For His love was such  
That He suffered so much  
To cause some of us  
Just to follow, follow...

And love just like that  
Will bring Him back  
For the few He can call His friends  
The ones He's found true  
Who've made it through  
Enduring until the end.

(From 'How can they live without Jesus?' by Keith Green)

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