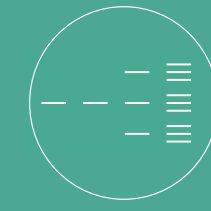
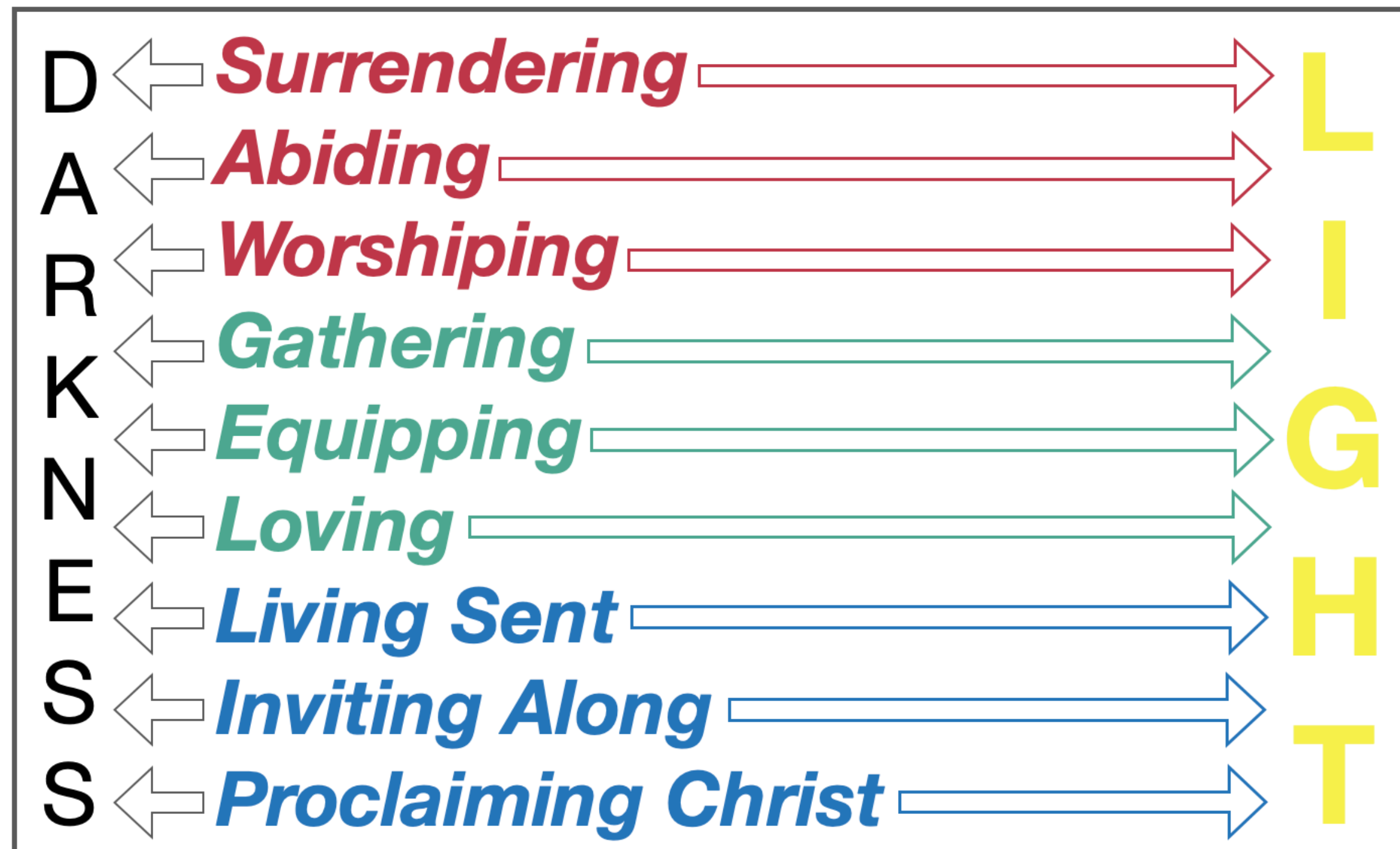


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Your name is **power**
Your name is **healing**
Your name is **life**
Break every stronghold
Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire



I just want to speak the name of Jesus
Over **every** heart and **every** mind
'Cause I know **there is peace within his presence**
I speak Jesus

In all the chaos of the world,
people are asking a few basic questions such as...

Where did
everything
come from?

What's gone
wrong with
this world?
with my life?

What can be
done about
all this mess?

Is there
any hope?
any point?

Gospel
Hooks

God

Man

Jesus

Surrender

Holy
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King

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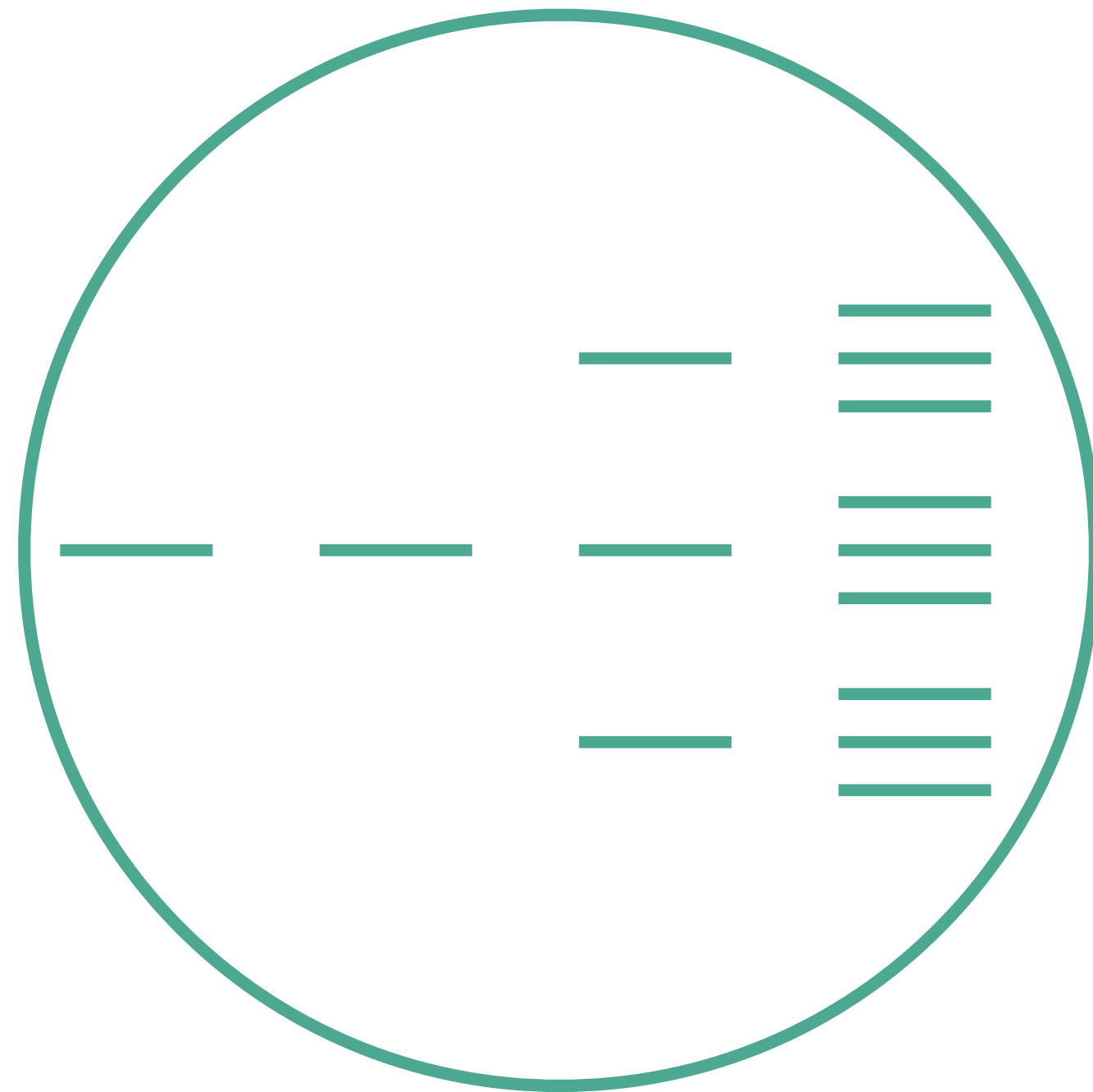


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1 Thes. 5:1-11



Hope & The Coming King

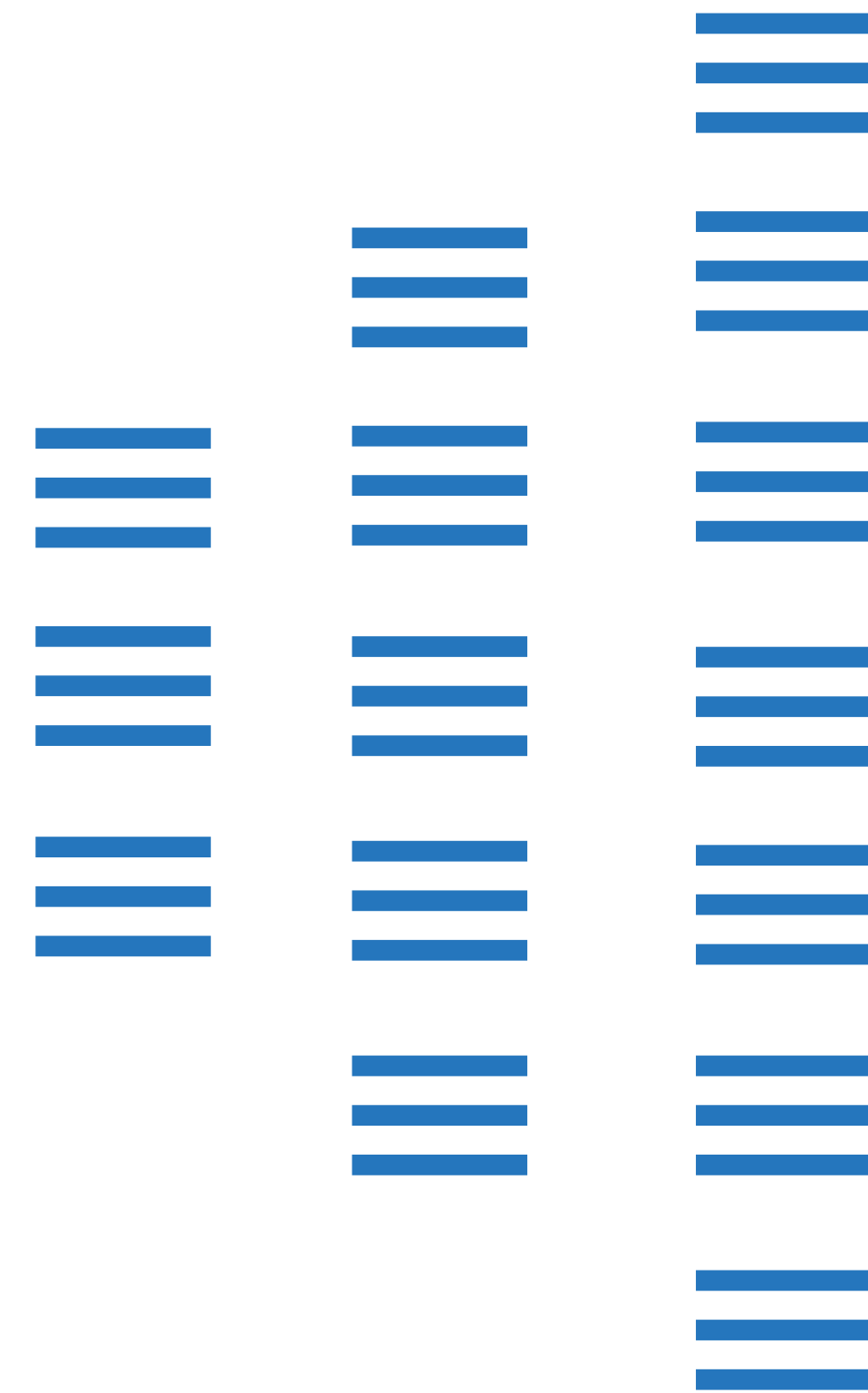
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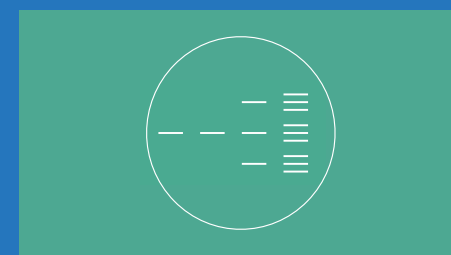
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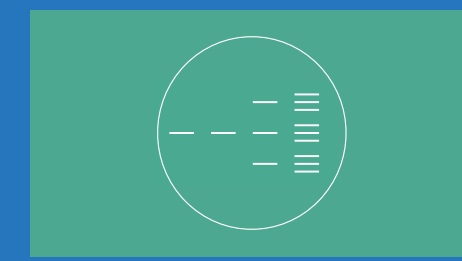


Hope and The Coming King



1 Thessalonians 4:13 But we do not want you to be **uninformed**, **brethren**, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no **hope**. 14 For if **we believe that Jesus died and rose again**, even so God will bring **with Him** those who have fallen asleep **in Jesus**. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until **the coming of the Lord**, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with **the trumpet of God**, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Hope and The Coming King



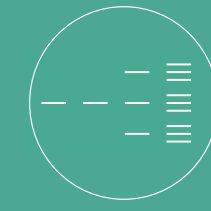
1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up **together** with them **in the clouds** to **meet the Lord** in the air, and so **we shall always be with the Lord**.

18 Therefore **comfort one another** with these words.

Implications from Michael Holmes:

1. The future of believers is not so much a place as a relationship.
2. For believers, death is not an end but a transition.
3. What we know and believe about the future ought to shape how we live in the present.

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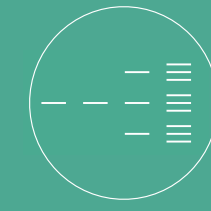


1 Thessalonians 5:1 Now as to the times and the epochs, **brethren**, you have no need of anything to be written to you.

2 For you yourselves know full well that **the day of the Lord** will come just like a thief in the night. 3 While they are saying, **“Peace and safety!”** then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape.

- Brethren (beloved by God) are Saints, Believers, & the Church.
- Nobody knows when the day of the Lord will come.
- Peace and safety are not ultimately found in government.

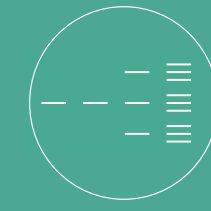
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1 Thessalonians 5:4 But you, **brethren**, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; 5 for you are all **sons of light** and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness; 6 so then let us not sleep as others do, but let us be **alert** and **sober**. 7 For those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at night. 8 But since we are of the day, let us be **sober**, having put on the breastplate of **faith** and **love**, and as a helmet, the **hope** of salvation.

- Sons of the light are kingdom citizens (insiders).
- To be alert is to be ready. To be sober is to be self-controlled.
- The sober, saved soldier has put on faith, love & hope. (1:3)

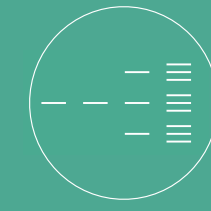
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1 Thessalonians 5:9 For **God has not destined us** for wrath, but **for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,** 10 who **died for us,** so that whether we are awake or asleep, **we will live together with Him.** 11 Therefore **encourage one another and build up one another,** just as you also are doing.

- God has a plan of salvation through Jesus Christ (King).
- Jesus Christ died for us so that we could live with Him.
- To encourage one another & build up one another are crucial.
(Comfort, Encourage, Exhort—2:11; 3:2, 7; 4:1, 18; 5:11, 14)

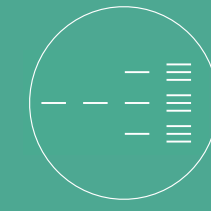
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Romans 3:24 being justified as a gift **by His grace** through the **redemption** which is **in Christ Jesus**; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood **through faith**. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has **faith in Jesus**.

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I **now live** in the flesh I live **by faith in the Son of God**, who **loved me and gave Himself up for me**.

Encourage and Build Up



As The Day of the Lord approaches, **EmBody** Grace & Truth.
Pass along Grace & Truth.

Get ready...get others ready.

Don't worry, be intentional.

Encourage one another and build one another up!

Get focused...get others focused.

Trust God...trust God alone for your identity, security & purpose.