

Closer Every Minute

1THS 5:1-11; MT 24:3-25:13; ROM 13:11-14; PS 53:1-6; ISA 60:1

INTRODUCTION:

The RAPTURE is coming -- 9/23/25



★ The Parousia is _____.

1. The exact _____ of “the end” is not known. (v1; MT 24:36//MK 13:32, ACTS 1:7)
 - a. They wanted _____ details or signs. (cp. MT 24:3)
 - b. But, they did not need more instructions, books, charts, _____ or conferences.
 - c. Further speculation, calculations and predictions were _____. (v2)
2. The exact _____ of “the end” is already known. (v2)
 - a. The end is described as the _____.
 - b. That Day will be an _____ attack – like a thief. (cf. MT 24:42-44; LK 12:38-40; REV 16:15; 2PET 3:10)
 - c. That Day will be disruptive _____ – like birth pains.
3. The Parousia *was not* good news for the _____. (v3)
4. The Parousia *was* good news for the _____. (vv4-5)
 - a. They were not in the dark about God’s _____ for the last days.
 - b. They were _____ for the last days to come.
 - 1) They were dignified, distinct _____, characterized by light. (cf. EPH 5:8ff; 1PET 2:9)
 - 2) They were no longer spiritually blinded _____ of God. (cf. EPH 2:13; 2COR 4:4)
 - c. They were eagerly anticipating their _____ return. (cf. TTS 2:13; 1TIM 6:14-15ff; HEB 9:28)

CONCLUSION: (vv6-11)

- **So then**, since we do not belong to the night or darkness...
- **And**, since we belong to the day and to the light...
- But never forget that it is the _____ that makes this future possible. (cf. EPH 2:8-9, 13)
- **Therefore**, _____ one another **and** build one another up. (cf. HEB 10:25)