

<sup>1</sup>But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you.<sup>2</sup>For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.<sup>3</sup>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.<sup>4</sup>But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.<sup>5</sup>Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.<sup>6</sup>Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.<sup>7</sup>For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.<sup>8</sup>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.<sup>9</sup>For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>10</sup>Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.<sup>11</sup>Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.<sup>12</sup>And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;<sup>13</sup>And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves.<sup>14</sup>Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.<sup>15</sup>See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.<sup>16</sup>Rejoice evermore.<sup>17</sup>Pray without ceasing.<sup>18</sup>In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.<sup>19</sup>Quench not the Spirit.<sup>20</sup>Despise not prophesyings.<sup>21</sup>Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.<sup>22</sup>Abstain from all appearance of evil.<sup>23</sup>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.<sup>24</sup>Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.<sup>25</sup>Brethren, pray for us.<sup>26</sup>Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.<sup>27</sup>I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.<sup>28</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.