

Staying Ready For The Day Of The Lord

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

1 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,

2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

3 While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

5 You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

I. 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - "Be joyful always."

"Always" means it is a lasting experience.

The Greek word translated "joyful" here can also be translated "cheerful."

It denotes the ability to maintain peace and calm when circumstances around you are anything but peaceful and calm.

II. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 - "Pray continually."

III. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 - "Give thanks in all circumstances."

IV. 1 Thessalonians 5:19 - "Do not put out the Spirit's fire."

V. 1 Thessalonians 5:20 - "Do not treat prophecies with contempt."

Two types of prophecies:

1. Prophetic written Word of God

2 Tim. 3:16-17 (NIV)- All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2. *Prophetic words from a person speaking by the Holy Spirit.*

"I'm going to hold people accountable for the truth whether they like the package it came wrapped in or not!"

VI. 1 Thessalonians 5:21 - "Test everything. Hold on to the good."

"Quarks" were discovered,

VII. 1 Thessalonians 5:22 - "Avoid every kind of evil."

The Ten commandments are a diagnosis of Mankind's sickness!

10 Commandments= 10 life giving lifestyle habits that God's Children get to walk out through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Protons, neutrons, and electrons.

The **protons** and the **neutrons** make up the center of the atom called the **nucleus**

And the electrons fly around above the **nucleus** in a small cloud.

Mt.22:35-40

35. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

36. "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

37. Jesus replied: "` Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'

38. This is the first and greatest commandment.

39. And the second is like it: ` Love your neighbor as yourself.'

40. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Love God (Proton with positive charge)

Proton = "First"

Neutron = "Going nowhere"

Electron = 1. The alloy of gold and silver

Alloy = The combining of two metals

Gold = Deity and Kingship

Silver = Truth, Repentance and Redemption

Repentance = Changing the way we think when we are presented with the truth of God's Word.

The electron represents Gold (Deity, and King of Glory) alloyed or mixed with Silver (crucified for our redemption through repentance)

Electron = 2. "Amber" or "Divine fire"

The word "amber" is found only in the King James Version translation of the Scriptures to describe the golden color of God's glory as seen by Ezekiel The Prophet. Other translations variously use "glowing metal" (NIV) or "gleaming bronze" (RSV) where the KJV uses "amber," however the color is very much the same for all.

Ez. 1:27 - And I saw as the color of amber, as the appearance of fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward, I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about.

1st commandment = Worship the right and only God

2nd commandment = Worship God in the right way

3rd commandment = Worship God sincerely

4th commandment = Worship God with others regularly

Section 1 - Commandments 1-3 - Relationship with God – (Proton)

By the way, 3= number of divinity (trinity)

Section 2 – Commandments 5-10 - Relationship with man through God - (Neutron)

That's the last 6 commandments.

By the way, 6 = number of man

Commandment 4 = Relationship with God and man by the Holy Spirit.

1 = unity

The number 4 is also significant...

The Church is the manifestation of the 4th Commandment...

The 4th Commandment also points us back to creation week talking about when God rested from His work of creation,

The 4th day is when God created the "Light bearers" made out of fire known as the Sun Moon and Stars!

Matthew 5:14-16

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Luke 3:16 - John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Unity in the Body of Christ is of Huge importance to God!

The Proton Represents God and the Neutron represents man together bonded by the Electron which represents the Holy Spirit!

Mt. 16:24 - Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

The "atom" of the commandments is "Deny yourself"

The first one is "Take up your cross" which means death to not only self-centeredness...

The second sub-atomic particle of the Commandments is "Follow Me"!

Follow (ak-ol-oo-theh'-o) = "to be in the same way with"

Ps. 19:1 - The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Rom. 1: 20 - For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

23. May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. (all the way down to every sub-atomic particle) May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.