LET US BE SOBER

1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11

Key Verse: 5:8

1. Who are those “who have fallen asleep in him,” and what does Paul want us to know about them? (4:13,14) Why does Jesus’ death and resurrection assure us of this?
2. What will happen when Jesus comes again? (15–17) Why will the dead in Christ rise first, and why is it important to know this? How do these promises encourage us? (18)
3. How does Paul describe when Jesus comes again? (5:1–3) Why will some people not escape destruction?
4. In contrast, how does Paul describe Christians? (4,5,9) What does it mean to “belong to the day”? (5,8a) To be “awake and sober”? (6b–8) What does the imagery of a “breastplate” and “helmet” suggest? What does it mean to “put on” faith,” “love,” and “the hope of salvation”?
5. What did Jesus do for us? (10) Why is this promise to “live together with him” so important? What should we do in light of this hope, and how can we? (11)