

DIFFERENT AS DAY AND NIGHT

I. Walk in the light of the Day of Christ

- A. Awake out of sleep
- B. Our salvation is nearer
- C. Our present walk ought to be motivated by the coming Day of Christ

II. There ought to be a noticeable difference

- A. The world is characterized by works of darkness:
 - 1. Carousing & drunkenness; (wild parties & people getting drunk)
 - 2. Sexual promiscuity & sensuality (cohabitation & unrestrained lust)
 - 3. Strife & envy
 - 4. The fact Paul lists these implies Believers are not immune to these.
- B. Believers ought to be characterized by the armor of light
 - 1. Put on the Lord Jesus
 - 2. Make no provision (forethought) for the flesh

DAY OF CHRIST VS DAY OF THE LORD

1. Bible uses the word “day” as a period of time not just a 24 hr. day.

2. The **Day of Christ** is not the same as the **Day of the Lord**.

Day of Christ – for Church only; starts at Rapture and covers entire period Church will be with the Lord prior to returning with Him; time of blessing; awaited with expectation, hope, and comfort; no signs preceding it.

(1 Cor. 1:7,8; 5:5; 2 Cor. 1:14; Phil. 1:6, 10; 2:16)

Day of the Lord – for Israel and godless nations; starts after Rapture and includes entire Tribulation period on Earth; time of wrath, judgment, woe, and darkness; many signs preceding it; does not apply to the Church saints; only mention of Church is as we appear as the armies which are in Heaven who return to Earth with Jesus at end of Tribulation

(Isaiah 2:12,19; 13:9; 26:20,21; 34:1,2,8; 61:2; 66:15,16; Joel 1:15;2:1,2,30,31,32; 3:15,16; Ezek. 30:1-3; Zech. 12:2,3,9; 14:1-5,9; Zeph.1:14,15,17)

3. **Day of the Lord** cannot begin until: 1) a falling away; 2) man of sin revealed; 3) what withholdeth (restrains) is taken out of the way