

Scriptures from New International Version unless noted

The Day of the Lord

The Differences Between *"You"* and *"Them":*

1. <u>Knowledge</u> vs. <u>Ignorance</u>

Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant…

1 Thessalonians 4:13

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"very well" – Greek "akribo," – accurately or precisely.
"times" and "dates" – Greek "chronos" and "kairos" - often used to refer to seasons or periods of time.

2. <u>Expectancy</u> vs. <u>Surprise</u>

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. But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

1 Thessalonians 5:3-5

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath…

1 Thessalonians 5:9

…destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

1 Thessalonians 5:3

3. <u>Soberness</u> vs. <u>Drunkenness</u>

So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

1 Thessalonians 5:6-8

"sleep" - Greek "katheudo" – Greek a state of sleep that is restless and wild. It's often used to refer to immorality or godless behavior. It's the opposite of self-control or sobriety.

Do not get drunk on wine… Instead, be filled with the Spirit…

Ephesians 5:18

…putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

1 Thessalonians 5:8

4. <u>Salvation</u> vs. <u>Wrath</u>

For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11

