

Sermon Outline: The End of the World! (1 Thessalonians 5:1-2)

Introduction: *Many “endings” can be reminders of THE end of the world...*

- I. THE ‘LAST DAYS’ PAUL SPEAKS OF WERE PREDICTED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
 - A. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 – *The day of the Lord*
 - B. Joel 3; Amos 4,5,8; Obadiah 1:15; Jeremiah 9:25 – *a day of judgment*
 - C. Daniel 7 – *the coming of the ‘Son of Man’* (Jesus)

- II. JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES ABOUT THE LAST DAYS
 - A. There will be wars & great upheaval (Luke 21)
 - B. There will be natural disasters (Luke 21)
 - C. There will be false teachers & persecution (Luke 21)

- III. PAUL SAID THE ‘SON OF MAN’ (Jesus) WILL RETURN ON THE LAST DAY
 - A. In 1 Thessalonians 5 he refers to the Daniel 7 prophecy
 - B. This is all connected to Jesus’ crucifixion, resurrection & 2nd coming

- IV. CHRISTIANS ANTICIPATE JESUS’ 2ND COMING & THE END OF THE WORLD
 - A. This will be a day of deliverance, not only judgment (1 Thess. 5:9; 4:13-18)
 - B. Instead of judgment...wonder of wonders, we get mercy!
 1. One of my favorite sayings: *“God’s not fair! (He’s merciful)*
 2. The song by Newfoundland’s band, “Great Big Sea”: *It’s the End of the World as We Know it, and I Feel Fine*

Conclusion: The movie: *A Christmas Story* – judgment day cancelled!!