

NOTES ON TODAY'S TOPIC.

Renewed vision; renewed lives. 7. Live in the light
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

3 drivers:

driver of success and being seen as a somebody
driver of making a difference and being worthwhile
driver of approval and being loved and accepted.

The main point:

Since we belong, let's put on in order to become

1. We belong to the now in the light of the not yet:
 - All Christians are now children of the light and the day (v5)
 - All Christians have now been appointed to receive salvation (v9)
2. Therefore since we belong let us put on (v8)
 - Faith: I am forgiven – nothing to prove
 - Hope: I am heading for a happy ever after
 - Love: I am loved with unmerited favour and unconditional renewing grace
3. And the result of putting on is we become renewed in the attitudes of our minds
 - alert (v6)
 - sober (self controlled) (v6, 8)

So the question is:

Do you belong? Are you a child of the day, knowing God's light of salvation?

If not yet

- today is the day to see the light of salvation.

If you belong

- are you putting on the faith, hope and love which come from God?
- are you encouraging others to belong?
- are you encouraging others who belong to be built up in faith, hope and love?

Questions for further thought this week.

Other passages to study:

1 Peter 1:1-2:12; Revelation 21&22

What do these passages tell you about who you are now?

How does the future not yet focus what drives you in the now?

How do these passages help you put on faith, hope and love from God?