

1 Thess 5:9-10

For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.

“Should I do this or not?”

“Should I go there or not?”

“Should I watch that or not?”

“Should I say that or not?”

We as Christians always wonder what we should do, and if it is sin or not. Well, the bible gives us a simple test, and it's right here in today's devotional verses.

† ***whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.***

The word “*sleep*” does not mean to sleep like in bed, but rather as Christians it means we have died a physical death and are in heaven. So, when you die and you are in heaven what are you going to be doing and saying?

Well, you won't be talking bad about others or gossiping and you won't be going into bars or nightclubs or liquor stores. There will not be TV or cable, no DVD's or movies to rent or download off the internet. But if there were, how many movies that you can download or go see at the movie theater do you think would be there in heaven?

So simply put, if you would not do it in heaven with Jesus, then you shouldn't be doing it here on the earth with Him.

† ***we should live together with Him***

So, it doesn't matter if we are in heaven or on the earth, we are living with Jesus right now. Remember that Jesus told the disciples this when He said:

† ***John 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*** (underlined for emphasis)

So if you are saved, then the Holy Spirit is in you and with you right now.

Think about that today, this weekend, and every day, as you are talking with others.

What if Jesus was standing right next to you, in the flesh, would you really say that to that person, or would you say it about that person to someone else?

Would you go to that place or would you search for that on the Internet or click that link or send that text or _____?

So, what are you and Jesus going to do this weekend, and the rest of your life together?

† **Matthew 28:20** *teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. Amen.*
(underlined for emphasis)