

Revival Christian Fellowship

The Church in the Last Days
1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 - Walking in Purity
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Main Point: God requires us to live righteous and holy lives.

Introduction

Walk In Purity. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-2.

1. What good motive does Paul identify in these two verses for living an obedient Christian life?
2. Why do you think Paul qualified his intent to encourage/instruct the Thessalonian believers by saying “in the Lord Jesus” ?
3. What does it mean to you that a biblical command for living has Jesus’ authority behind it?

Understanding - Seven Reasons to Walk in Sexual Purity

1. It is the Will of God. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3.

- a. How would you explain the meaning of the term “sanctification” to someone who wants to know God’s will for his or her life?
- b. Define the two categories of the will of God that Pastor John defined in the message.
 - i.
 - ii.

- c. Why do you think so many of us give more attention to God's specific plans for us than we give to His general call to holiness in our lives?

2. Your Body Belongs to God. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:4.

- a. What does Paul mean by knowing how to control your own body?
- b. What happens when one isn't self-disciplined over one's own body? What sorts of temptations plague our culture?
- c. Why is the battleground of the mind so important?
- d. Read 1 Corinthians 6:13-20. What warnings are given in these verses about immorality? What does God want us to do in verse 20?

3. Sexual immorality Is the Way of Those Who Don't Know God. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:5

- a. Why should we not practice the passion of lust like unbelievers?
- b. Read 1 Peter 1:14-16. What does Peter teach us in these verses?

4. Sexual Immorality is Harmful to Others. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:6a.

- a. Who does Paul refer to as your "brother" in verse 6a?
- b. Describe ways that one might be guilty of transgressing or wronging his brother in this matter?

5. Sexual Immorality Will Bring the Judgment of God. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:6b.

- a. What warning does this verse give to someone who might be considering sexual sin?
- b. Read the following scriptures and summarize what they say regarding immorality.
 - i. Galatians 6:7-8
 - ii. Hebrews 13:4
- c. What should a person who has already committed, or is committing sexual sin do?

6. Sexual immorality Is Contrary to Our Calling from God. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:7.

- a. How does living in sin violate our calling to holiness?

7. Sexual Sin Grieves the Holy Spirit of God. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:8.

- a. How does the Holy Spirit's abiding presence in believers impact the way they deal with sexual matters?

Application

- What help do you receive when you read 1 John 1:8-10?