

**PLEASING THE LORD THROUGH SEXUAL PURITY**  
**1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (pt. 4)**

**I. His Personal & Historical History with the Church.(1:1-3:13)**

**II. His Practical and Instructive Exhortations to The Church. (4:1-5:24)**

**A. Some General Observations and Exhortations to heed If We Want To PLEASE THE LORD. (4:1-2)**

**B. The Exhortation concerning Sexual Purity in their Sanctification (4:3-8)**

1.The **basis** for sexual purity is that it is the **will of God for the believer in Christ.** (4:3-8)

2. The **commands** regarding sexual purity are part of the believer's **sanctification.** (4:3b)

3. The **instructions** concerning sexual purity are found in verses 3-6, and are set off by the word **that.**

a. **“That** you should **abstain** from **sexual immorality.**” (4:3c)

1 Corinthians 6:9-20

1 Corinthians 7:1-5

- This command to abstain from sexual immorality is based upon God's \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_ for us. Which include:

\* What is God asking of us as believer in Christ pertaining to sexual purity?

b. **“That** each believer should \_\_\_\_\_ how to \_\_\_\_\_ his own body so as to walk in the \_\_\_\_\_ process in \_\_\_\_\_, before God. (4:4-5)

\* What is He saying in this statement?

\* Why is this instruction needed?

\* How can you have victory over sexual sin in your life? (Rom. 6; 13:14; 8:1-4)

\* How does the Holy Spirit empower me to have victory practically?

c. **That** no one should take \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ his brother or sister in this matter (sexual sin).

- How do believers take advantage of one another sexually?
  
- What should this mean?
  
- What does Paul state here as a good reason to consider or think about in this? (4:6)
  
- Was this something new to these believers?
- What should motivate believers to be sexually pure? (4:6-8)
  - 1) Perhaps God's \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ should. (4:6)
  - 2) Perhaps God's \_\_\_\_\_ for you should. (4:7)
  - 3) Perhaps Realizing that rejecting this exhortation means you are rejecting \_\_\_\_\_ for your life. (4:8a)

\* What if I disregard these admonitions?

\* *Who* has God given you to fulfill this impossible task?

\*A list of some dangers to consider:

\*What does all this mean to you?