

## THE EXHORTATION CONCERNING BROTHERLY LOVE

(1 Thessalonians 4:9-12)

### 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 Walk To PLEASE God. (4:1-2)

#### B. The Exhortation concerning Sexual Purity (4:3-8)

#### C. The Exhortation Concerning Brotherly Love & an Orderly Life (4:9-12)

1. Paul commends them for their \_\_\_\_\_ of one another. (4:9-10)

a. Paul's **Commendation** of the Thessalonian's love for one another is seen by the phrase, "*Now concerning \_\_\_\_\_*" (4:9a)

\* Paul is commending them concerning their love but of who? \_\_\_\_\_

\* How was this commendation being *evidenced* in their lives?

- Four different Greek words to describe "love" in Paul's day:

**Eros** –

**Storge**-

**Phileo** or Philadelphia love-

**Agape** love-

Romans 5

b. The \_\_\_\_\_ of God and the \_\_\_\_\_ are designed by God to express acts of \_\_\_\_\_ toward others as demonstrated by many verses in the NT:

- c. When it came to the Thessalonians Paul said (vs9) ... “*you have no need that I should teach you for you yourselves taught by God to \_\_\_\_\_*”.
- d. Paul went on to say (vs10) “*and \_\_\_\_\_ you do so toward \_\_\_\_\_ the brethren who are in Macedonia.*” Their love was being manifest \_\_\_\_\_ their local church to others around them!
- e. Yet there was room to \_\_\_\_\_ in this, so Paul said... “*But we urge you brethren that you \_\_\_\_\_ (in this) more and more!*”

2. You are *to \_\_\_\_\_ to lead a \_\_\_\_\_ life* (4:11a)

“aspire” (philotimeomai)

“to lead a quiet life” (hesuchazo)

3. *To mind your \_\_\_\_\_* (4:11b)

4. *To \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_* (4:11c)

\* Why did Paul tell these saints this?

1. Because this was the \_\_\_\_\_ for them... “*as we commanded you*” (4:11c) cf 4:1-2

2. So they would walk \_\_\_\_\_ toward those who are \_\_\_\_\_ the faith. (4:12a)

- What does this underscore?

5. “*and that you may \_\_\_\_\_.*”