

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 _____.*”