



Love God: 1 Thessalonians 4 / Love God with Our Lives

1 Thessalonians 4:1- We ask and urge you to walk and please God...

In Chapter 1, we get a great picture of this.

They imitated Paul, Timothy, and Silas in hope, in faith, in love.

They became a model to others on how to turn from idols and serve the living and true God

1. Ask (entreat / beg) and urge (exhort: strongly encourage)

2. To walk (to live / regulate / conduct one's self)

The Walking Dead and the Walking Alive

Walking Dead: (Ephesians 2) aimless / mindless / deceived

Walking Alive: Intentionally aim to please God in all they do

Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:9

The thing about walking is that it's repetitive and habitual.

Both groups are repetitive and habitual in their walk,

But their paths lead them in two different directions

3. To please God

The Thessalonians had a walk that PLEASED God!!!

Defined as: to accommodate one's self to the opinions, desires, and interests of another's

A central topic of Paul's teachings

Verse: live a life worthy of the Lord

(Col. 1:10, Eph. 4:1, 1 Thes. 1 and 4)

Also means we can live a life that is unpleasing to God

1 Thes. 2:4 / 1 John 2:15-17

4. Just as you are doing, that you do so more and more

Waipuna this is for you. Keep journeying with each other.

We each have the opportunity to journey with at least one other / with one another.

5. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. Command-like (NASB)

6. For this is the will of God...

This is God's will for you / us / all believers past, present, and future

Set apart from sin / set onto for special use; A person or a thing

Three parts: positional / progressive / complete

Positional (or justification):

Once-for-ever separation of believers UNTO God

Progressive: But I still sin?

The effect of our obedience to the Word of God in our life

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth – John 17:17

Complete: (or glorification)

We separated from sin and death at the coming of the Lord Jesus

How does sanctification occur?

By the Word, the Holy Spirit, our willingness to submit to both

HOLY SPIRIT (Titus 3:4-6)

Regeneration: the production of a new life consecrated to God, a radical change of mind for the better. The word often used to denote the restoration of a thing to its pristine state, its renovation, as a renewal or restoration of life after death

The Holy Spirit was present in the lives of the believers in Thessalonica (1 Thes. 1:5-6 / 1 Thes. 4:8)

Roles of the Holy Spirit

- i. Lives in all believers. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- ii. Teaches us about Jesus. John 15:26
- iii. Reveals the Truth John 16:13
- iv. Our Helper, Comforter, and Guide. John 14:6
- v. Convicts the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment John 16:7-11
- vi. Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5)
- vii. Gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12)

8. Sanctification specifically in our sexual

Abstain from sexual immorality

Control his/her own body in holiness and honor

Not in the lust like the Gentiles who do not know God

No one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter because the Lord is an avenger in all these things,

Life Group Study Questions:

Eph. 5:26 and 1 Cor. 6:1 talk about the Word and the Holy Spirit's sanctifying and cleansing work in our lives. If God uses His word and His Spirit to do His cleansing/sanctifying work in us, how are you or have you or do you partner with the Spirit and the Word?

Tell of different seasons in your life where the Holy Spirit / the Word, taught you a lesson, revealed a truth from a lie, convicted you of a sin, and / or put you in mission. How can you as a 21st century follower/a group of 21st century followers assist each other to do this more and more? For more information on this lesson, email Pastor Kaipo at kaipo@waipunachapel.com. Grace and peace to you in your study time