

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

LIVING TO PLEASE GOD

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Main Thought: In 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12, Paul gives us three ways in which we can live to please God.

1. WALK IN _____. (vv 1-8)

- 1) Live to _____ God.
- 2) Holiness means to be set apart unto _____.
- 3) The _____ climate in Thessalonica.
- 4) Holiness means _____ from sexual immorality.
- 5) Holiness requires _____.
- 6) Sexual _____ among God's people always causes damage.
- 7) God will bring _____ on those who are sexually impure.
- 8) To be sexually pure, you must know God and walk by the power of His indwelling _____.

2. WALK IN _____. (vv 9-10)

- 1) _____ for one another should be the distinguishing mark of the church.
- 2) God is the One who _____ us about loving one another.
- 3) Love is an _____ that can always be improved.

3. WALK IN _____. (vv 11-12)

- 1) _____ a quiet life.
- 2) _____ your own business.
- 3) _____ with your hands.
- 4) To win the _____ of outsiders.
- 5) To not be _____ on anybody.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God's truth to you as you read.

2. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings/yourself from this passage?

4. What verse meant the most to you? Why?

5. What didn't you understand in the passage? What answers did you find for your questions?

6. What application(s) for your life do you take away from this passage?

Digging deeper:

7. How does a person live to please God? Is it possible to obey God and yet not please Him? (See Jonah; Eph. 6:6)

8. In particular, what did the will of God require of the believers in Thessalonica (v 3)? What does it mean to be sanctified?

9. What conduct specifically must they avoid to please God and follow His will? Why would this have been a problem in Thessalonica?

10. What is God's will for the expression of our sexuality? (See Gen. 1:27; 2:24-25; 1 Cor. 7:1-9)

11. What does Paul say will happen to those who persist in sexual sin? (v 6)

12. Where does a person find the strength for self-control in this area? (vv 5, 8)

13. How has God taught us to love one another?

14. How can we love one another more and more?

15. What does it mean to live a quiet life, mind your own business, and work with your hands in this context? Why should we do that?