

1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

- I. _____ of our daily walk as Believers: Vs 1-8
- A. The _____ the Believer should follow Vs 1a
1. **Beseech**-ask
 2. **Exhort**-implore, urge
 3. **By the Lord Jesus Christ**-in Christ
- B. The _____ is to ever grow in Christlikeness Vs 1b
1. **Walk**-live
 2. **Please God**-bring joy to God
 3. **Abound more and more**-be more and more abundant; ever _____
- II. _____ sanctification is the ultimate goal Vs 2
- A. By _____ Christ's commandments Vs 2
1. **Commandments by the Lord Jesus**-instructions through or because of
 2. These instructions had been given to Paul by Christ and he gave them to the believers at Thessalonica
- B. By abstaining from _____ Vs 3-5
1. God's desire is sanctification for the Believer
 2. **Sanctification**-holiness, _____ unto God and away from the lifestyle of the world
 3. **Abstain from fornication**-_____ one's self from sexual immorality (as defined by the Word of God, not the philosophy of the world)
 4. Not living in passion controlled by _____ lust Vs 4-5
- C. By dealing _____ with fellow believers Vs 6
1. **Go beyond and defraud**-Do not sin against and _____ fellow Christians in anything Vs 6a
 2. **Avenger**-Because God will protect His Children and punish the one sinning and defrauding Vs 6b
 3. Because God had _____ the Believers through the Apostle Paul Vs 6c
- D. By _____ God's desire for His Children Vs 7
1. **Called us unto uncleanness**-summoned us to live in _____
 2. Impurity is not to be a part of the Believer's life Vs 7a
 3. Holiness is to be the ultimate goal of every Believer Vs 7b
 - a. **Holiness**-_____
 - b. Cf. Romans 6:19-22
- E. By _____ God's warning against deliberately disobeying God Vs 8
1. **Despiseth**-_____ God's commandments as to how Believers are to live
 2. Cf. Luke 10:16
- III. Practical Instruction: Vs 9-12
- A. _____ Vs 9-10
1. **Beseech**-urge, implore, _____
 2. **Brotherly love**-love for the fellow members of the Body of Christ (Philadelphia)
 - a. The Believers at Thessaonica had the Holy Spirit living within them
 - b. The Holy Spirit is the best _____ for the Believer and Paul understood that God did not need any help in this matter
 3. This love is to be ever _____ and ever encompassing Vs 10
 - a. This is not just _____ to the local assembly
 - b. This command reaches _____ denominational lines and practices, thus encompasses all NT Believers world-wide

- B. _____ your own business Vs 11
1. **Study to be quiet**-have as an _____ to be and remain silent about other Believer's business
 - a. **Study**-have as a personal ambition
 - b. **Quiet**-be quiet, remain _____
 2. **Do your own business**-spend your time dealing with _____ own walk with the Lord and _____ the walk of others to God
 3. **Work with your own hands**
 - a. **Work**-labor, _____ tasks
 - b. **With your own hands**-use the _____ God has given to you

- C. _____ a good testimony among the unsaved Vs 12a
1. **Walk honestly**-live decently so as to _____ others to a Christ-like life
 2. **Toward them that are without**-in front of those who are outside Christ

D. Enjoy the _____ of following these practical instructions Vs 12b

IV. The Rapture of the Church: Vs 13-18

- A. Cause for joy not _____ Vs 13
1. **Ignorant**-have _____ knowledge about a matter; does not refer to lack of intelligence
 2. **Them which are asleep**-those who sleep in _____
 3. **Sorrow not even as others which have no hope**
 - a. **Sorrow not**-do not be thrown into _____ sadness and grief
 - b. **Others which have no hope**
 1. There are those who have hope
 2. There are those who have no hope
 3. The Believers at Thessalonica had hope even if they did not recognize it at the time. Paul was about to share Truth with them that would show them that they indeed do have hope.

B. Our faith in Christ is the _____ stone for our belief in the Rapture of the Church Vs 14

C. The _____ behind the Rapture is the Lord Jesus Christ alone Vs 15a

D. The timeline of the events of the Rapture of the Church Vs 15b-17

1. The _____ of the Believer to Heaven physically will not determine when he will be raptured Vs 15b
2. Christ will come from Heaven to _____ the Believers Vs 14-17
 - a. The _____ of the Rapture will be Vs 16a
 1. Christ's Shout
 2. The Archangel will join in on the shout
 3. The Trumpet of God will be sounded
 - b. The _____ to the shouts and trumpet sound Vs 16b-17
 1. Dead Believer's _____ will come out of their resting places Vs 16b
 2. Their spirits will be _____ with their glorified body Cf. Vs 14b
 3. The living Believers will _____ the dead in the ascension Vs 17a
 4. All NT Believers will join Christ in the air Vs 17b
 5. The reunion in the air will be the _____ of an eternal personal fellowship with Christ Vs 17c

E. The Rapture of the Church is cause for _____ when our saved Loved Ones depart this earthly life through death Vs 18