



Worship in the Word

Declaring the Whole Counsel of God Verse By Verse

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Living a Life that is Pleasing to God



BIG IDEA: God's will is that we increase in holiness

I. We are called to an increasingly obedient walk (1-2)

A. The Necessity of an Increasingly Obedient Walk (1a)

finally (**λοιπός**) - finally, what remains, the rest

ask (**ἔρωτάω**) - to make a request, to beseech on someone's behalf, to entreat.

1 Thessalonians 5:12 -

urge (**παρακαλέω**) - to call along-side, to appeal, to encourage

1 Thessalonians 2:10-12 -

MAIN POINT

Keep Increasing

abound (**περισσεύω**)

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

1 Corinthians 15:58 - Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Philippians 1:9 - And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment

Colossians 2:6-7 - As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.



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Philippians 2:12–13 - Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

B. The Source of our Increasingly Obedient Walk (1b)

John 17:22–23

Colossians 2:6–7

Walk (περιπατέω) - conduct oneself, behave, live

Walk worthy of God

1 Thessalonians 2:10–12 -

Please (ἀρέσκω) - to give pleasure or satisfaction.

Colossians 1:10 - that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

C. The Urgency of an Increasingly Obedient Walk (2)

1 Corinthians 9:24–27

Hebrews 12:1–2

Commandments (παραγγελία) - orders, instructions

Philippians 3:12–14 - Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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Application Questions

1. When was the last time you sat down and examined your progress in holiness from the Scriptures? When was the last time you asked someone else about your progress in holiness?
2. How important has growth in grace been in your daily life? How do you keep yourself from becoming stagnant?
3. How much time do you spend in God's Word? How much time do you spend in prayer? What role does the church play in your Christian growth?
4. What is your motivation for obedience? In the midst of struggles and doubts, how can you keep going in your Christian walk?

Preparation Questions

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

- 1.** What does Paul do in the beginning of this chapter? What does he mean by “in the Lord Jesus”? What is his exhortation in verse 1? How do the Thessalonians know what they are supposed to do according to verses 1 and 2?
- 2.** What is the will of God according to verse 3? What does Paul mean by that? In verse 4, how does Paul describe this abstaining?
- 3.** What is the opposite of this according to verse 5? Who does live like this? How does Paul describe this immorality in verse 6
- 4.** Why should we not live like this according to verse 7-8?

Verse of the Week

1 Thessalonians 4:1 - Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God

Question 26: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

Answer: Christ, the Son of God became man by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary, and was born of her, yet without sin.