

1 Thessalonians

CHAPTER 4

1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as you have received of us how you ought to walk and to please God, *so* you would abound more and more.

2 For you know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that you should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

6 That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

7 For God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

8 He therefore that despises, despises not man, but God, who has also given unto us His Holy Spirit.

9 But as touching brotherly love you need not that I write unto you: for you yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

10 And indeed you do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that you increase more and more;

11 And that you study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

12 That you may walk honestly toward them that are without, and *that* you may have lack of nothing.

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that you sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also who sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.

15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede those who are asleep.

16 For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17 Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.