



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: I Thessalonians 4:3-8 (NAS)

“Sanctification and Moral Purity”

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- 3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;
- 4 that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,
- 5 not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;
- 6 and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the avenger in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you.
- 7 For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.
- 8 So, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives His Holy Spirit to you.

I. REVIEW ON WHAT WE HAVE SEEN ON SANCTIFICATION

- A. The Obligatory Nature
- B. It Addresses Our Walk (Entire Way Of Life)
- C. The Motive Is To Please God
- D. The Directives Are The Commands Of God

II. THE WILL OF GOD

- A. When We Seek God’s Will
- B. God’s Will Is Clearly Revealed In His Commandments *Proverbs 3:5,6*
- C. God Is For Our Sanctification

III. HOW THE TERM SANCTIFIED IS USED THROUGHOUT SCRIPTURE

- A. The Greek Word --hag-ec-as-mos –has holy as its root word

- B. The Old Testament Word For Holy Was Often Used In Setting Apart For Temple Use
- C. In The New Testament There Is A Two-Fold Use Of The Word
 1. We are set apart or sanctified at the moment of salvation
I Corinthians 1:2, 6:11; Hebrews 10:10
 2. Personal progress conforming our lives to the image of Christ
I Thessalonians 4:3

IV. PAUL’S FIRST AREA OF FOCUS IN SANCTIFICATION

- A. Abstain From Sexual Immorality
- B. It Includes Harlotry, Adultery, Incest, Idolatry and Fornication
- C. Two Very Different Facets Of Sexual Immorality
 1. Hedonism and licentiousness *Jude 4; II Peter 2:1, 10, 14, 19*
 2. Asceticism *I Timothy 4:3-5*