

# 1 Thessalonians

## Chapter 4

### Introduction

- In many of Paul's letters, Paul will begin by writing about things pertaining to sound doctrine. Paul will then follow this with practical instruction regarding daily Christian living.
- Why is this? Because sound \_\_\_\_\_ comes from the understanding and application of sound \_\_\_\_\_. Titus 2:1-8
- This is the case again in 1 Thessalonians. Chapters 1-3, for the most part, have been very doctrinal in nature, but in chapter 4, Paul will now get very practical.

### Verse 1

1. Paul had taught these believers how to walk and to please God. They had received sound doctrine from Paul and Timothy. Paul encourages them to \_\_\_\_\_ in what they knew.
2. Often we **know** the \_\_\_\_\_; we simply aren't **abounding** in it. We need somebody to \_\_\_\_\_ us. 2 Peter 1:12-13, 15
  - *"For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach every where in every church."* **1 Corinthians 4:17**

### Verse 2

1. This verse explains, *"For ye know what commandments we (Paul, Silas, and Timothy) gave you by the Lord Jesus."*
2. Paul had given these believers \_\_\_\_\_ to obey.
3. Let this be a lesson: In this dispensation of grace, we are no longer under the Old Testament law system that God had for Israel, but this does not mean that we are \_\_\_\_\_.

### Verse 3

1. As we can readily see in this verse, the will of God is not a mysterious, mystical thing that we struggle to know. The will of God is \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word of God.
2. The word “sanctification” is speaking of \_\_\_\_\_ and holiness.
3. In the church age, sanctification in the believer is a work of the Holy Spirit and has a three-fold aspect:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ sanctification – we are cleansed of all sin and set apart for God eternally in Christ at the moment of salvation. 1 Corinthians 1:30
  - \_\_\_\_\_ sanctification – the Holy Spirit works in our lives through God’s Word to produce holiness in our daily walk. 1 Thessalonians 4:3
  - \_\_\_\_\_ sanctification – this is future and will happen at the very moment Christ returns for the body of Christ. Our vile bodies will be changed. Philippians 3:21
4. Fornication is speaking of sexual sin.
5. Paul reminds them that sexual sin is \_\_\_\_\_ out of God’s will for the believer.

### Verse 4-5

1. “Concupiscence” means “a longing for what is \_\_\_\_\_.”
2. Paul makes it clear that there was to be a distinction between these believers (those who know God) and the pagan idolaters of Thessalonica (those who know not God). It should be like \_\_\_\_\_ and darkness. Ephesians 5:3-8
  - *“But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work.”*  
**2 Timothy 2:20-21**