

1 & 2 Thessalonians (Lesson # 13)

The Worthy Walk - General Conduct 1 Thess 4:1-3a

A Small Overview Review

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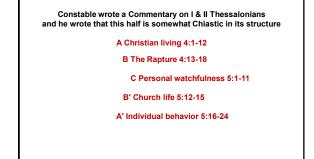
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The first three chapters are a detailed exposition of the words "how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God."

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- * 1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.
- ² For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:
- * 1 Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us instruction as to how you ought to walk and please God (just as you actually do walk), that you excel still more.

 ² For you know what commandments we gave you by *the authority of* the
- Lord Jesus.
- ³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

* Scripture is from K.IV and NASU

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¹ Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus,

λοιπὸν (adv or adi acc neut sing λοιπόν) as adv, furthermore, in addition, beyond that

οὖν, [conj οὖν] therefore, so, consequently, accordingly ἀδελφοί, [n voc masc pl ἀδελφός] brothers, brethren

ἐρωτῶμεν [v ind pres act 1p pl ἐρωτάω] ask, we are requesting, beseech

ὑμᾶς [pronoun acc pl σύ] you

καὶ [conj, καί] and, even, also, indeed] παρακαλοῦμεν [v ind pres act 1p pl παρακαλέω] παρα + καλέω to call alongside or

as speaking authoritatively exhort, we are urging, encourage ɛv [prep + dat ev] in (locative), at, on, among, near, by (instrumental), with κυρίω [n dat masc sing κύριος] Lord, master, owner

Ἰησοῦ [n dat masc sing Ἰησοῦς] Jesus, Joshua

** My literal translation

In addition therefore, brethren, we are requesting you, indeed we are urging vou with the Lord Jesus



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(ἵνα) [conj ἵνα] in order that, that

καθώς [conj καθώς] as, just as, even as

παρελάβετε [v ind aor act 2p pl παραλαμβάνω] take/receive to oneself, you received παρ΄ ἡμῶν [prep+gen=from, pron pers gen pl έγώ] from us τὸ πῶς [def art acc neut sing+adv πῶς] the way, the how, the manner

 $\delta\epsilon\tilde{\imath}$ [v ind pres act 3p sing $\delta\epsilon\tilde{\imath}$] must, ought, fitting, proper, appropriate ὑμᾶς [pron pers acc pl σύ] you

περιπατεῖν [v inf pres act περιπατέω] be walking, conducting, be managing your life καὶ καὶ [conj, καί] and, even, also, indeed] ἀρέσκειν [v inf pres act ἀρέσκω] to be pleasing, be giving pleasure

θεῷ [n dat masc sing θεός] to God

My literal translation

that just as you received from us the way you must be walking, indeed be giving pleasure to God

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(καθὼς [conj καθώς] as, just as, even as

καὶ [conj, καί] and, even, also, indeed]

περιπατεῖτε,) [v ind pres act 2p pl περιπατέω] you are managing your life, you are king, you are conducting your life

ἴνα [conj ἴνα] in order that, tha

περισσεύητε [v subj pres act 2p pl περισσεύω] you may abound, you may be exceling μᾶλλον. [adv μᾶλλον] more, to a greater degree

** My literal translation

as indeed you are walking) that you may be exceling even more

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² For you know what commandments we gave you by the authority of the

οἴδατε [v ind perf act 2p pl εἰδῶ] you have come to know knowledge based on fact

γὰρ [conj γάρ] for, because, expressing cause or reason τίνας [pron interrogative acc fem pl τ (ς] who, which, what, why

παραγγελίας [n acc fem pl παραγγελία] instructions, orders, pedagogical in kind εδώκαμεν [v ind aor act 1p pl δίδωμι] we gave, aorist implies factually given ὑμῖν [pron pers dat pl σύ] to you

διά [prep διά] on behalf of, through, for the sake of, as agent of another's authority, τοῦ κυρίου [art+n gen masc sing κύριος] the Lord

Ἰησοῦ. n gen masc sing Ἰησοῦς] Jesus, Joshua

** My literal translation

for you have come to know what instructions we gave to you on behalf of the Lord Jesus

* English is NASU 1995 yzantine Text Form, 2005 & (NA28)



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³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

τοῦτο [pron demon nom neut sing οὖτος] this

γάρ [conj γάρ] for, because, expressing cause or reason ἐστιν [v ind pres act 3p sing εἰμί] is being

θέλημα [n nom neut sing θέλημα] will, design, purpose τοῦ θεοῦ, [art+n gen masc sing θεός] of the God

iou eco, jairin gen mass sing ecog of the God δ άγισμος [art+n gen mass sing άγισμος] the sanctification, set apart from evil or self-serving sin and set apart unto the purity of letting God reveal Himself through us. ὑμῶν, [pron pers gen 2p pl σύ] of you

άπέχεσθαι [v inf pres mid ἀπέχω] middle to be keeping away, abstain from something ὑμᾶς [pron pers acc pl σύ] you

άπὸ [prep w gen ἀπό] from

τῆς πορνείας· [art+n gen fem sing πορνεία] sexual immorality, fornication, every kind of extramarital, or outside of God's design sexual intercourse

** My literal translation

this is being the will of the God, the sanctification of you, that is you to be keeping away from sexual immorality.

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** My literal translation

¹ In addition therefore, brethren, we are requesting you, indeed we are urging *you* with *the* Lord Jesus that just as you received from us the way you must be walking, indeed be giving pleasure to God (just as indeed you are walking) that you may be excelling even more. ² For you have come to know what instructions we gave to you on behalf of the Lord Jesus. ³ For this is being the will of the God, the sanctification of you, that is, you to be keeping away from sexual immorality.

*** Wuest's expanded translation

¹Finally, therefore, brethren, I request you and I beg of you, please, in the Lord Jesus, that even as you received from us the particular way in which it is necessary in the nature of the case for you to be ordering your behavior and to be striving to please God, even as also you are conducting yourselves, that you superabound yet more and more. ²For you know with a positive assurance what charges we gave you through the Lord Jesus, ³for this is the will of God, your being set apart [from sin to holiness], that you should hold yourselves off from fornication;

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Sexual Conduct 4:3b-8

Affectional Conduct 4:9-10

Social Conduct 4:11-12

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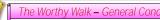
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Chester McCalley gives us 8 things to observe here

- 1. Paul instructed these new believers in the Christian life immediately as you received from us instruction' see Acts 17:1-10.. A month of it
- 2. The Christian life was presented not as an option, but as an imperative. 'you must live this way' the word 'ought' is a mandatory must, or absolute necessity, Jn 3 'you must be born again', Gal 5:16 'walk by the Spirit'
- Paul taught 'the how' of Christian living, he taught the 'how to do' this.
- Paul uses 'walking' as his metaphor, expressing how we ought to live, in addition, Paul uses 'standing' is a metaphor for the believer's stability (Eph 6:11..), 'running' for the believer's service (1 Cor 9:26..), and 'seated' for the believer's position in Christ (Eph 2:4-7).
- Paul taught the proper motive for the Christian life, 'and to please God', the pleasure of God is the goal.
- Paul taught the concept of ever increasing maturity, 'that you excel still more', you are doing well, I want you to excel still more. Phil 3:12...
- Paul taught the Christian life in unmistakable terms, he gave commands
- Paul taught the Christian life is what we are, not merely what we do.

d from Chester McCalley's Audio

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A Christian living 4:1-12

B The Rapture 4:13-18

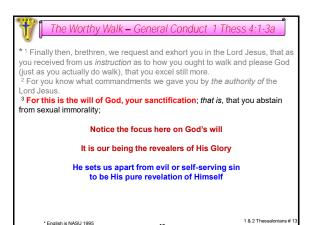
C Personal watchfulness 5:1-11

B' Church life 5:12-15

A' Individual behavior 5:16-24

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*1:3 ...steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ *1:10 ...you are waiting for His Son in Confident Hope *2:19 ...in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming $^{*3:13}$...so that He may establish your hearts without blame in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints. *4:16 ...For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven ...and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air... *5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass... * Scripture is from NASU 1995 14

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Note: 6 times in 1 Thess is this Hope on Him & His Coming

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Question, what gave God's men here joy and comfort?

Answers
first, joy that the Thessalonians were showing God's life of purity

second, comfort that God was coming again

These few verses teach us that:

It is God's will to reveal the glory of Himself through His creations,

We are a part of His creations,
we are His body, the Church,

the called out of the world ones,
To reveal His perfection

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