

# 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.