

Fresh Start “Can We Talk About That?” 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

This Bible study provides you and your group with a deeper look at 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 and is based on the sermon given by Pastor Bruce French on August 29, 2021. The sermon and Deeper Connection Study are available on the web at <http://www.cbcglendora.org>.

Paul now dives deep to give some frank instructions and commands to the church about living in a way that pleases God. Heeding these commands is essential for Christians involved in the process of sanctification.

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

1. How do we live in order to please God (v. 1; cf. Eph. 2:10; 5:2; Col. 1:10-12; 1 Jn. 2:6)?

2. Why is holiness so important to God (cf. 1 Pt. 1:13-15)?

3. Scripture mentions three aspects or phases of sanctification [holiness]. Describe: Positional [past] - cf. 1 Cor. 1:2; 6:11

Progressive [present] - cf. 1 Cor. 1:30; 1 Thess. 4:3

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Prospective [future] - cf. 1 Thess. 3:13

4. The will of God - our sanctification - is described in three clauses (vv. 3b, 4, 6). What are they?
5. What three reasons are given for obedience to the previous command (vv. 6b-8)? How should these words affect the way we live?
6. What are some particular areas of holiness that God desires in your life? How are you doing in your pursuit of holiness? What hinders your progress?

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PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for his holiness! Pray for your life to be holy and pleasing to God. Ask God to help you pursue what he desires and to avoid temptation and sin. Thank God for forgiveness in Christ and his ability to heal our brokenness.