

**LOOKING FOR JESUS**  
*"The Importance of Holiness"*  
**1 Thessalonians 4:1-12**  
**Part 2**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. **Review: 3:11-12**

2. **Vs 13**

a) *"so that he may establish your hearts"*

1) *"establish"* - means to be fixed or secured, it's firm.

b) *"blameless in holiness"*

1) *"blameless"* - means without blame, faultless,

2) *"holiness"* - a separated life that can be seen by others.

c) *"before our God and Father"*

1) *"before"* - means *"in front of"*

3. We are to grow in **Sanctification!!**

a) We are set apart and reserved for God's glory.

b) **1 Corinthians 6:20**

4. In **4:1-12** Paul deals with the doctrine of **Sanctification**.

a) Justification

b) **Sanctification**

c) Glorification

**I. WHAT HOLY LIVING DOES**

**A. IT PLEASES GOD**

1. **Vs 1-3a**

**B. IT PROGRESSES**

1. **Vs 1b**

a) *"that you do so more and more"*

**C. IT KEEPS US PURE**

1. **Vs 3b**

a) *"that you abstain from sexual immorality"*

1) *"abstain"* - means to keep oneself from. To refrain.

2. **Vs 4**

a) **"Make War"**

3. Vs 6

a) ***"because the Lord is the avenger in all these things"***

1) **"avenger"** - God is the avenger of the one who wrongs his brother.

a) **"vengeance"** - punishment inflicted in retaliation for an injury or offense.

4. Vs 7

a) **WOW!!!! Why?**

1) Cf. 1:2-10

#### **D. IT KEEPS US ACCOUNTABLE**

1. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

#### **E. IT TRANSFORMS US**

1. Vs 5

a) ***"who do not know God"***

#### **F. IT GIVES US A TESTIMONY**

1. Vs 11a

a) ***"and to aspire to live quietly"***

2. Vs 11b

a) ***"and to mind your own affairs"***

3. Vs 11c

a) ***"and to work with your own hands"***

4. 1 Peter 3:15

## **II. MOTIVES FOR HOLY LIVING**

### **A. GOD COMMANDS IT**

1. Vs 1, 2

2. Vs 3

a) ***"It's the will of God"***

3. No better reason than that!

4. Vs 7

5. Vs 8 Wow!!

a) *"Therefore whoever disregards this"*

1) *"disregard"* - means to pay no attention - to treat as unworthy of notice

b) *"disregards not man, but God"*

c) *"who gives his Holy Spirit to you"*

6. *Matthew 5:48*

a) *"Be ye perfect"*

## B. BECAUSE IT'S A CALLING

1. We cannot be moral and impure and expect the Holy Spirit to manifest His fruit in and through us.

2. Robert Murray McChesney, the 19<sup>th</sup> century Scottish preacher said, *"Lord God, make me as holy as it is possible for a redeemed sinner to be."*

## C. BECAUSE IT COMPELLS US

1. *The world expects more out of us.*

2. **WOW!!!** It is Satan's delight when Christians fail.

3. *James 1:15*

4. Vs 12

a) *"so that you may walk properly before outsiders"*

1) *"properly"* - decently

b) *Colossians 4:5-6*

c) *1 Timothy 3:7*

## III. THE METHOD OF A HOLY LIFE

1. Someone once said, *"The Christian life is not a difficult life; it is an impossible life."*

2. Vs 8

a) *"who gives his Holy Spirit to you"*

3. A person wholly separated to Christ will be controlled by the Holy Spirit.

a) The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

1) *Galatians 3:27-28*

- a. This is where the Gospel believer is placed "**in Christ**"
- b. Baptism means to be immersed or placed into.

2) Some people teach that there is a second work of grace.

- a. That the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a reoccurring event.
- b. But the baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs one time in the believers life and this at the moment of Salvation.

c. *1 Corinthians 12:13*

d. *Galatians 3:27*

b) The Filling of the Holy Spirit

1) *Ephesians 5:18*

2) The question is not "*How much of the Holy Spirit do you have???*"

The question is "*How much of you does the Holy Spirit have???*"

3) It's a matter of **CONTROL**.

4. *John 9:31*

5. We must be "**filled**" with the Spirit every day.

**CONCLUSION:**

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**II. MOTIVES FOR HOLY LIVING**

**III. THE METHOD OF A HOLY LIFE**