Studies in 1 Thessalonians: Part Six

Wed. Night Bible Study 1 Thes. 4:1-8

"A Walk to Please God"

1. <u>The Plea for this Walk v.1-2 "we beseech you</u>" (Eph. 4:1-3)

- A. The Passion of this Plea v.1 "*brethren*" (1Thes. 2:10-12, 1Cor. 4:14-17)
- **B.** The Power of this Plea v.1,2 "by the Lord" (1Tim. 6:13-16, 2Thes. 3:6-7)
- C. The Precedent of this Plea v.1 "*have received*" (1Cor. 15:1-2, 2Thes. 3:9-12)
- D. The Profit of this Plea v.1 "ye would abound" (Job 17:9, 2Pet. 1:5-11)

2. <u>The Principles of this Walk</u> v.3-5 "*this is the will of God…that*" (*Heb. 13:20-22, 1Pet.* 4:1-3)

- A. Refrain v.3,5-6 "*abstain... Not in...no man*"(1Cor. 5:9-13, Eph. 5:1-5)
 - *a.* Lust v.3,5 (Rom. 13:11-14, Gal. 5:16-21)
 - I. Actions v.3 "fornication" (Heb. 13:4)
 - II. Attitudes v.5 "concupiscence" (Mat. 5:28)
 - **b.** Lies v.6 "<u>defraud not</u>" (1Cor. 6:7-9, Mk. 10:19)
- B. Remember v. 4,5 "you should know" (Ps. 143:10, Eph. 5:17, Col. 1:9)
 - a. Your Responsibility v.4 "his vessel" (2Tim. 2:20-21)
 - b. Your Relationship v.5 "Gentiles...know not" (Mat. 7:21)
- 3. <u>The Precautions in this Walk</u> v.6-8 "*forewarned you*" (*Eph. 4:17, Php. 3:17-18*) -<u>Of a walk that does not please God</u>
 - A. Draws Punishment v.6 "Lord is the avenger" (Heb. 12:5-11, Job 34:31-32)
 - **B.** Defies Purity v.7 "*unto holiness*" (1Pet. 1:14, 2:9-22)
 - C. Disregards His Provision v.8 "despiseth" (Lk. 10:16, Eph. 4:24-30)