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**1 Thess. 4:3-8**

Sanctification

Intro

**A. GOD’S WILL IS FOR OUR SANCTIFICATION (1 Thess. 4:3).**

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2. God wants us to continue to grow and excel in being holy.

**B. SANCTIFICATION INVOLVES: (1 Thess. 4:3-7).**

1. “abstain from sexual immorality” (1 Thess. 4:3).

2. Possess one’s own vessel in sanctification and honor (1 Thess. 4:4).

a. View #1 - Take a wife in sanctification and honor.

b. View #2 - Keep control over one’s own body.

3. Not in lustful passion like the Gentiles who do not know God (1 Thess. 4:5).

4. Not defrauding one’s brother (1 Thess. 4:6a).

5. Reason: the Lord is the avenger in all these things (1 Thess. 4:6b).

6. God has called us in sanctification, not impurity (1 Thess. 4:7).

**C. CONSEQUENCES OF REJECTION (1 Thess. 4:8).**

1. Rejecting God.

2. Rejecting the Holy Spirit**.**

Conclusion

Discussion questions: If God’s will for us is our sanctification, what can we do to continue to pursue after it? Paul calls all believers to abstain from sexual immorality. What can we do to help protect ourselves in this area? What are things to avoid? Why is our culture so enslaved to sexual sins? How can parents help their children to embrace the biblical standard of sexual abstinence until marriage?