

"IS SEXUAL PURITY AN OPTION FOR THE BELIEVER?"

(1 Thessalonians 4:3-5)

I. PERSONAL AND HISTORICAL EXPLANATIONS (1:2-3:13)

- A. Their **THANKSGIVING** to God For These Believers. (1:2-10)
- B. Their **VINDICATION** of Their **MESSAGE** and **MINISTRY**. (2:1-16)
- C. The **EXPLANATION** of Their **ABSENCE/SEPARATION**. (2:17-3:8)
- D. The **EXPRESSION** of Their **JOY** and **PRAYERS** For These Believers. (3:9-13)

II. PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE EXHORTATIONS. (4:1-5:24)

A. Exhortations about **GENERAL CONDUCT**. (4:1-2)

B. Five **APPLICATIONS** regarding these exhortations.

C. Exhortations about **SEXUAL PURITY**. (4:3-8)

1. The *basis* for sexual purity is that it is the _____ . (4:3-8)

* What is God's known will?

2. The *commands* regarding sexual purity are part of the believer's _____ .
(4:3b)

* What does this mean?

3. The *instructions* concerning sexual purity are...

a. "that you should _____ from _____ ." (4:3c)

* Who is this addressed to?

* What does "abstain" mean?

* What exactly does "sexual immorality" refer to?

* What is God's perspective on sex?

* What are God's purposes for sex?

* What are God's parameters for sex?

b. "that each of you should _____ how to _____ his own vessel in _____ and _____." (4:4)

* What does "possess" mean?

* How can this be done?

c. "not in _____ of _____, like the Gentiles who do not know God." (4:5)

* How should you respond when you hear, "but everybody's doing it."

* How does this apply to you?