

Sermon notes

The Will and Call of God: Abstain from Sexual Immorality 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 — May 19, 2024

introduction: The word of God gives a very clear warning: Christians must abstain from sexual immorality.

Sexual immorality (fornication) is a general term for ___any___ sexual activity outside the marriage of a husband (a biologically-born male) and a wife (a biologically-born female).

“Sanctification” (verses 3, 4) and “_____holiness_____” (verse 7) are synonymous — the translation of the same Greek word. They mean being set apart: set apart from sin and set apart to God.

Christians must abstain from sexual immorality because:

1. abstaining _____pleases_____ God (1 Thessalonians 4:1-2).

supporting Scriptures: Romans 6:4; Ephesians 2:10; Colossians 1:10

2. abstaining is the ___will___ of God (1 Thessalonians 4:3-4).

supporting Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 6:18; Ephesians 5:3

3. abstaining is evidence of _____salvation_____ (1 Thessalonians 4:5).

supporting Scriptures: Matthew 5:27-28; 2 Corinthians 5:17

4. The Lord will _____avenge_____ all those who are sexually immoral (1 Thessalonians 4:6).

supporting Scriptures: Matthew 18:6; Hebrews 13:4

5. God has _____called_____ Christians to live holy lives, not unclean, immoral lives (1 Thessalonians 4:7-8).

supporting Scriptures: Leviticus 20:26; 1 Peter 1:14-16
1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Galatians 5:16
Psalm 119:11
John 8:11; John 8:36