

# 1 Thessalonians Chapter 4

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## Chapter 4 Outline

### **III. Chapter 4**

- a. A Distinguished Walk (vv. 1-12)
- b. The Rapture of the Church and Old Testament Saints (vv. 13-18)

## Chapter 4 Notes

**Verse(s) 1-8:** Living in a way that pleases God is not easy. We understand three things about this,

- 1.) You must be taught how to do this (v. 1a)
- 2.) You must be encouraged (v. 1b)
- 3.) You must remember what you've been taught (Donald Lawrence featuring Lelah Hathaway, *Don't forget to Remember*)

Paul now begins to go into how we live a life that's pleasing to God (v. 3)

- 1.) Know God's will
- 2.) Stay away from sexual sin (v. 5 & 6)
- 3.) God commands us to live holy (v. 7)

**Verse(s) 9-12:** Why is loving each other so important? Why does Paul say he doesn't have to write to them about this? He says, "God himself has taught you to love one another." Take a look at Romans 5:5, 13:8; Ephesians 4:2; 1 Peter 1:22; Galatians 5:13; 1 John 4:7.

Paul encourages each of us to strive for 3 things and to instruct others to do the same:

- 1.) Live a quiet life
- 2.) Mind our own business
- 3.) Work with your hands

What does each of these things mean? Why do you think Paul instructs us to do this?

### **Verse(s) 13-18:**

Why would Paul be sharing this information?

In order for us to realize this hope in Christ we must,

- 1.) Believe that Jesus died and was raised from the dead back to life again by God the Father
- 2.) We must believe that Jesus will return again and with him all the believers who ever died
- 3.) This now describes the Order of Events concerning the Rapture.

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- 4.) Those who are still alive on this Earth will not meet Christ any quicker than those who died in Christ (and vice versa).
- 5.) From here on out we will be with Christ forever in our glorified bodies and in our heavenly mansions (John 14) awaiting the second return of Christ to the Earth for the great battle of Armageddon.

This is what we should remember and keep in mind as we live our lives for Christ and continue to accomplish the work of the ministry.