

1 Thes. 4:3-6 this is the will of God, your sanctification

- that you should abstain from sexual immorality
- that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor
- not in passion of lust (like the Gentiles who do not know God)
- no one should take advantage of his brother – not defraud his brother in this matter – because the Lord is the avenger of all such – we forewarned you and testified

1 Thes. 4:7 God did not call us to uncleanness – but to holiness
8 he who rejects this = rejects God who has given us His Holy Spirit
9 but concerning brotherly love, you don't need for us to write to you – because God taught you how to love one another
10 you love all the brethren in Macedonia – we encourage you to love more and more

- 11-12 that you may aspire
- to lead a quiet life
 - to mind your own business
 - to work with your hands (as we commanded you)
 - to walk properly toward those who are outside
 - to lack nothing – (to have your needs fulfilled)

13 I do not want you to be ignorant (brethren) concerning those who have fallen asleep – lest you sorrow as others who have no hope

1 Cor. 15:6 Christ was seen by over 500 brethren at once – of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep
12 since Christ has been raised from the dead – how do some of you say that there is no resurrection

13 if there is no resurrection of the dead – then, Christ is not risen

14 if Christ is not risen – preaching is empty, faith is empty

15 we would be false witnesses – if the dead do not rise

16 if the dead do not rise – Christ is not risen

17 if Christ is not risen – your faith is futile – you are still in your sins

18 then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished

51 a mystery – “we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed”

52 at the last trump

Rev. 8:1-2 7th seal – seven trumpets

Rev. 11:15-19 7th angel sounded

Rev. 20:5-6 first resurrection

1 Thes. 4:14 those who sleep in Christ

15 alive & remain – God will bring with Him those who sleep in Christ

16 the Lord descend – the dead in Christ shall rise first

17 those who are alive – will be caught up in the clouds

18 comfort one another with these words