

Sanctification and Sex

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

“For this is God’s will, your sanctification: that you keep away from sexual immorality...” (v. 3)

SANCTIFICATION = being _____ and _____ for a special purpose.

- It is our _____ of _____ in Christ from the moment of salvation. (1 Cor. 1:2)
- It is the _____ of _____ who we are in Christ in our daily lives. (1 Pet. 1:15-16)

SEX = God’s _____ to humanity intended by him to be enjoyed within the _____ of _____ between a _____ and a _____.

SEXUAL IMMORALITY = Any sex _____ of God’s (porneia) _____ for sex.

SOME EXAMPLES -

“Flee sexual immorality! Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the person who is sexually immoral sins against his own body. Don’t you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body.” (1 Cor. 6:18-20)



SEXUAL PURITY - requires bringing our sexual temptations under the _____ of the _____ (v. 4)

“I say then, walk by the Spirit and you will certainly not carry out the desire of the flesh.” (Gal. 5:16, see also Gal. 5:19-21,24; 2 Cor. 12:21)

“Therefore, put to death what belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.” (Col. 3:5)

WHY COMMIT TO SEXUAL PURITY?

1) Because it is _____ for us. (v. 3)

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2) Because that’s _____ now in Christ. (v. 5)

*“...not with lustful passions, like the Gentiles, who don’t know God.”
“...Such were some of you you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.” (1 Cor. 6:9-11, NASB)*

3) Because God will _____ (v. 6)

*“...the Lord is an avenger of all these offenses, as we also previously told and warned you.”
Romans 1:24-32*

4) Because of _____ he _____ and _____ us. (v. 7)

“For God has not called us to impurity but to live in holiness.”

5) Because sexual immorality is the same as rejecting _____ who has given the _____ Spirit to live in us. (v. 8)

“Consequently, anyone who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.”