

ABOUNDING IN... HOLINESS
LEARNING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CONFORMITY AND TRANSFORMATION
(1 Thessalonians 4:1-8)

- A. Paul's INTRODUCTION and PERSONAL GREETING (1:1)
- B. GIVING THANKS for the Birth of a Model Church (1:2-10)
- C. GUIDING MODEL of Faithful Follow-Up to a Young Church (2:1-12)
- D. REMEMBERING Your Divine Resources during Suffering and Persecution (2:13-20)
- E. HELPING BELIEVERS Become Firmly Established, Part 1 (3:1-5)
- F. HELPING BELIEVERS Become Firmly Established, Part 2 (3:6-13)
- G. HOW A BELIEVER'S WALK can abound... (4:1-5:28)

1. ... In Holiness (4:1-8)

- a. What are Paul's instructive exhortations for believers tied to? (v1a) **"Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort _____ ."**

Why is knowing this important, and why must knowing this precede instructions?

- b. What is his first exhortation regarding believers' walk? (v1b) **"that you _____ more and more."**

- c. What are some things involved in "abounding more and more"? (vv1c, 2) **"just as you received from us how you ought to _____ and to _____ God; 2 for you know what _____ we gave you through the Lord Jesus."**

Is that your aim?

- d. What is God's will for your Christian life? (v3a) **"For this is the will of God, your _____:"**
What does sanctification/holiness mean?

Why be holy?

What is the key to this happening?

What is the alternative to holiness? (vv3b-6)

(v3b) – "that you should _____ from sexual immorality;"

(v4) – "that each of you should know how to _____ his own vessel in sanctification and honor,"

(v5) – "not in _____ of lust, like the Gentiles who do not _____ God;"

(v6) – "that no one should _____ of and _____ his brother in this matter,"

Does the absence of these things in your Christian walk = holiness?

Where are the arrows pointing in this person's life?

- e. What are the consequences of being conformed to this world? **"because the Lord is the _____ of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified."**

- *What is the purpose of these?*

- f. Why should a believer abound in holiness? (vv 7, 8) **"For God did not _____ to uncleanness, but in _____. Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His _____.)"**

How does this apply to me?