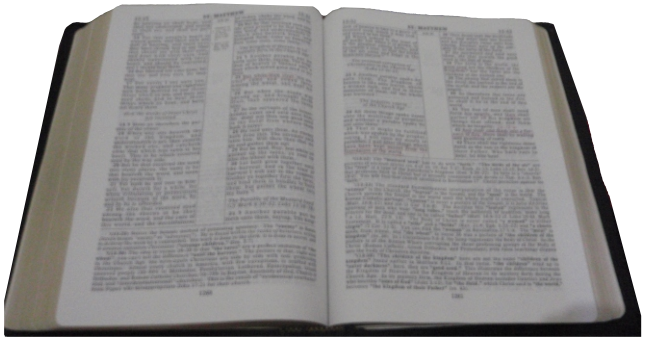
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A Bible Believers Commentary on

1Thessalonians
Chapter 4

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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- A recap of the end of Chapter 3

  - 3:12- we should - increase
    abound

  4-1- so ye would abound more & more

  - God wants you to abound more & more

  - 4:10- more & more

  - Don't become stagnate

  - Don't ever become satisfied with your Christian walk.

4:1-12- These passages have some very plain and straight forward statements in them.

4:1- Futhermore- Beyond what he has already said.

4:1- we beseech you- Begging

exhort- stir them up

- What Paul is saying is I beg you to live for God.

- Can you imagine a pastor getting up and begging and pleading for you to live right.

- This is what Paul is doing.

4:1- ought to walk- You learned from us how ye ought to walk.

- 1Th. 4:12- That ye may walk honestly toward them....

- It seems this chapter is about how a Christian should walk and please God.

5- Will make you stedfast in your Christian walk

- 1Cor. 15:58

- If anyone don't know this passage it is dealing with the Rapture 15:51-52

6- You'll be patient because the Judge standeth before the door

- Jam. 5:9

- 2Th. 2:8-12

- Eph. 4:1- walk worthy

- Eph. 5:2- walk in Love

- Eph. 5:8- walk as children of light

- 2Cor. 5:7- walk by faith

- Gal. 5:16- walk in the Spirit

- The Bible tells you how to walk.

- When Christians first get saved they want to run.

- There's nothing wrong with a new Christian running but when you fall it hurts a lot more.

- ILL- Rabbit and Turtle

  - God wants someone who is steady and consistent everyday, every week,

  - It's better to get a little done everyday than be hit and miss

  - God wants you to walk with him---- How?

4:1- <u>Please God</u>

- People will please everybody but God

- Their boss, wife, family, neighbors

- <u>Rom. 15:1</u>- We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, <u>and not to please ourselves</u>

- Gal. 1:10- Who do you try to please

- Jh. 8:29

- Jh. 12:42-43- Does the praise of men govern your actions in what you do?

- 1Th. 2:4- A pastors job is to please God and not men. He will have to give an account of what is said behind the pulpit.

4:1- You say If I am not a Christian how am I supposed to please God.

- Heb. 11:6- But without faith it is impossible to please him

- Rom. 10:17- So then faith cometh by hearing and....

- You need to put faith in God's son

4:1- more & more

- More today than yesterday, last year, etc.

4:2- For- he is giving you an example - keep his commandments

- We keep his commandments because we are saved, not to get saved.

- Jam. 2:10- you have to keep all the commandments if you think your going to work your way to heaven.

- Since we know we can't keep the Law to get to heaven we trust his son who did.

4:2- Commandments = Rules

- You're a soldier you- OBEY

- Jonah obeyed God but didn't please God.

- He was hateful and bitter the whole way through.

-Organ donation- All organs of saved people will be taken, the lost man's heart will suddenly disappear; it will be gone.

- These next two references are 2nd Advent but we can apply them spiritually to us.

- Mt. 24:44- For in such an hour you think not the Son of man cometh

- Mt. 25:13- Watch therefore

- Are you ready?

- There are no problems you have that the Rapture wouldn't solve.

- 1Th. 5:2- thief in the night

- A thief shows up at night when your not prepared

- Are you watching

- Looking for the Saviour will cause you to:

1- To do good works

- Tit. 2:11-14

2- It will purify you

- 1Jh. 3:1-3

3- You will abide in him

- 1Jh. 2:28

4- Help you to be moderate

- Ph. 4:4-7

- Where will you be?

- Forever with
  or
- Forever without

- Wailing & Nashing of teeth

- ILL- Grave stone said:

"Pause my friend as you walk by
as you are now so once was I
as I am now so you will be
prepare my friend to follow me"

- Someone walked by and added these words to it.

"To follow you was not my intent
until I know which way you went"

4:17- We will know people in Heaven

- Mt. 17:1-4 - Moses & Elijah

- 1Cor. 13:12- I know even as also I am known.

- 1Th. 4:17- shall be caught up together <u>with them</u>

- Lk. 7:14-16- Type of the Rapture

- 7:14- Arise

- 7:15- delivered him to his mother- 1Th. 4:17

- 7:16- And there came a fear on all

- The lost world will fear when we get Raptured.

- Millions will disappear

- The whole world will be in fear and turmoil.

- Jonah obeyed God but his heart wasn't right.

4:3- is more examples

4:3- will of God

- A lot of people think the will of God is something that's really hard to figure out. You spend your whole life trying to figure it out.

- It's not a mystery, God wants you to know his will

- What is God's will for you

1- 4:3- That ye should abstain from fornication

2- 4:4- That everyone of you should know how to posses his vessel in sanctification and honour

3- 4:5- Not in the lust of concupiscence

4- 4:6- That no man go beyond and defraud his brother

- Now this is the will of God for everybody

4:3- even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication.

- TV promotes fornication

- Magazines Etc.

4:3- Abstain from fornication

Fornication= All forms of Immorality

- Lesbianism
- Homosexuality
- Bestiality
- Masturbation

- People say- you shouldn't talk like that from the pulpit.

- then why do you watch it at home?

4:3- Sanctification

- 2 kinds of Sanctification

1- Positional

- The moment you got saved you were sanctified for ever by the body of Christ

2- Progressive

- This takes place in a believers life daily after he is saved.

- Heb. 10:10- Once for all

- Heb. 10:14- Forever

- The moment you got saved you were sanctified forever this is positional sanctification

- Lev. 20:7- Sanctify yourselves

- This is progressional sanctification

- Jh. 17:17

- The best way to get sanctified is the word of God.

- Most preachers when they preach use one verse and never open their bible for the rest of the message.

- It's hard to get sanctified on one verse a week.

- Heb. 11:5- Translated, not found - pleased God

- How did he do all of this

- Heb. 11:6- Faith

- Gen. 5:21-24- And he was not

- Acts 8:39- Philip

- Gen. 19:16- Lot - lingered

- God's mercy brought lot out of the city before he condemned it.

4:17- meet the Lord in the air

- Jh. 14:1-3 - Jesus comes and gets us but he never touches the ground, he stays in the air.

- The 2nd Advent is when he lands on the earth.

- Only people who see Jesus are saved.

- 1Cor. 15:5-8

- No one will see Jesus at the Rapture

- Jh. 12:27-29- People won't hear "come up hither" It will sound like thunder or something.

- Act 22:9- Didn't hear the voice

4:17- so shall we <u>ever</u> be with the Lord.

- Don't like being in Church for two hours, you will hate Heaven.

- Death is an appointment

- Heb. 9:27

4:16- Trump

- Rev. 4:1-2 - voice... was as it were of a trumpet

- Rev. 1:10-11- The voice is Jesus Christ

4:16- dead in Christ shall rise first

- Why - 6' deeper in the ground

4:17- we — saved which are alive

4:17- caught up - Rapture

- ILL- a plate full of stainless steel and lead shot. It all looks the same but if you put a magnet above the plate only the lead will come up.

- A lost man looks the same as a saved man but he doesn't have the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

- Only the righteous get raptured.

- Words that are not in the Bible.
  - Rapture- A seizing by violence
  - Trinity
  - Bible

- But we believe in these

- Rapture

- Heb. 11:5- translated and not found

- translated - greek to english

- Enoch to heaven- translated

- Twinkling of an eye - 1/1000th of a second

4:3- Sanctification = Clean, Holy, Seperated

4:3- that - 4:4- that, 4:6- that

- 4:3-6 - is all one sentance

4:3- Abstain- from fornication

- 1Th. 5:22- Abstain from all appearance of evil

- 1Pet. 2:11- Abstain from fleshly lust

- If something in the flesh is bothering you <u>stay away from it</u>

- Do not play games with sin

- 1Cor. 6:18 - flee fornication

- 2Tim. 2:22- flee youthful lust

4:4- Remember 3-6 is all one sentance, so this is more of the will of God for you

4:4- you should know how to possess his vessel

- What does that mean

- 2Cor. 4:7- Earthen vessel - Body

- 2Tim. 2:2-21- If you are living right your vessel is a vessel unto honour

- We live in this body but it's not us, it's just something we live in until we get our new body.

- You should know how to run and operate your body.

- Pr. 5:6- Ponder = Think

- A woman has more than one way to tempt you, when one doesn't work she uses another.

- Pr. 7:22-23- Men don't think, they react

- Stop and think what you are doing

- One way to know how to possess your vessel is to stop and think

- Rom. 12:1-2

4:5- Lust of concupiscence

- Concupiscence = any fleshy indulgence

- Don't act as an unsaved gentile, be different

- People always want to fit in

- God wants you to be different without being proud about it.

4:6 Defraud his brother

- Defraud = To deprive of right, either by obtaining some thing by deception or artifice, or by taking something wrongfully without the knowledge or consent of the owner.

- 2Cor. 7:2

- Do not take advantage of a Brother or Sister.

4:6- the Lord is the avenger

- Heb. 13:4- God will judge

4:1-6- 4:1- How to please God

4:3- Will of God

- Sanctification
- Abstain from fornication

- Rom. 6:23- the wages of sin is death

- Eze. 184- the soul that sinneth it shall die

- Eph. 2:1- dead in trespasses and sins

- 1Cor. 15:3- Christ died for our sins

- When you trust Christ death, burial and resurrection for your sins it is a subtitute for your death and you don't have to die the second death at the judgment.

- Rev. 20:14-

- Rev. 21:8-

- But when you trust his death for your sins

- Rev. 14:3- Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

- Miserable are those who die in their sins.

- Dead in — Only 5 times in the Bible

  - Gal. 2:21
  - Eph. 2:1

  - Eph. 2:5

  - Col. 2:13

  - 1Th. 4:16

4:16- Shout

- Jh. 5:28

- Jh. 10:3-4

- Jh. 11:25

- Jh. 11:43- cried with a loud voice

- Prevent - pre event

- We will not go before them, they will go before us.

4:16- Lord himself - not a spirit

- Jw's teach the Lord came back in 1914

- Acts 1:11- this same Jesus

4:16- Shout

- The Lord is a shouter, He's excited

- He will shout when he comes back

4:16- archangel- arch- archaic, old things

- The first angel

- There are not 7 archangels in the bible

4:16- Trump of God– they use a horn

4:16- the dead in Christ shall rise first

- 2 ways to die

1- in Christ

2- in your sins

- 1Cor. 15:17 - ye are yet in your sins

- Jh. 8:21, 24

- If you die in your sins you pay for your sins forever in the lake of fire.

4:4- Possess your vessel

- Sanctification
- Honour

4:6- Defraud not your brother

4:7- God called you o Holiness

- Deu. 7:6

- Gods will for you is to live Holy

- Deu. 7:6- 4 things

1- Holy
2- Chosen
3- Special
4- Above

- Deu. 7:11- Because your holy, chosen, special and above you need to keep God's commandments.

4:8- People don't like this kind of preaching, Live right, and take care of your body.

- So God put verse 8 in for those who despise what is being taught or said.

- When you get mad at the preacher you get mad at God

- We just preach the book, God is the one you despise, God wrote the book.

- Ex. 16:2, 7-8 - They murmured against Moses but actually it is against God.

4:8- Holy Spirit

- God has given us a Holy Spirit so be holy and not murmuring.

4:9- -Jh. 13:35

- Rom. 5:5

- We should live instinctively

4:10- - 2Pet. 1:4- We have been given a divine nature It's hard wired in you to love, but I want you to do it even more.

4:11- Study to be quiet

- Keep your mouth shut

- Study - you work at it

- College you have to work to study

- 1Pet. 3:4- meek and quiet spirit

- Great price to God.

- Pr. 7:11- A harlot is loud and stubborn.

- Ps. 46:10- Be still and know that

- Ecc. 5:3- A fools voice is know by

- Pr. 29:11-

- Pr. 17:27-

- If all you do is run your mouth when it comes time to witness nobody will listen to you.

- It's like crying wolf all the time.

- Pr. 17:28

4:14- This is how you get saved

- Paul is telling them abut the rapture and puts in there if you wanna go this is how you do it.

4:14- Sleep in Jesus- Those who died in Christ.

4:14- Bring with him— we'll get raptured

4:15- Our Authority

- The Word of God.

4:15- We - Paul himself

- He expected to get raptured

- Paul thought the Lord would come back in his day.

- 4:17- Then <u>we</u> which are alive

- Ph. 3:20- we look for the Saviour

4:15- The coming of the Lord

- Why is he coming?

- 2Th. 1:10- He shall come

- To be glorified and admired

4:15- Prevent

- We the saved will not prevent the dead in Christ to come up. They will be raptured.

- Prevent - Pre event

- They will go before us.

- We don't sorrow because we will see them again.

- Mom & Dad lost and baby dies the baby will go to heaven and mom and dad will never see their child again unless they get saved.

- Deu. 1:39

- Joke= One man said to another, I am sorry you lost your wife, I didn't lose her I know exactly where she's at - heaven.

- Man dying in bed you can tell him about anything and its no good only one thing can give him hope. Jesus Christ

- The body sleeps but the mind does not, you dream in your sleep.

- 1Th. 5:10- It doesn't matter whether your dead or alive you will live with Jesus Christ.

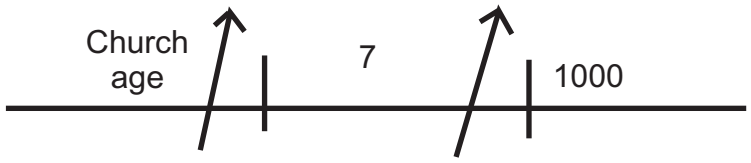
- Rom. 8:38-39

- 1Cor. 15:13-19

- 1Cor. 15:35-38 - Different body

- 1Cor. 15:51-58

- Mystery is something that was not previously revealed.



The Rapture was not revealed in the OT.

4:11- do your own business

- not everybody else's

- Don't meddle n other peoples affairs.

- People that do nothing meddle in other peoples affairs.

4:11- work with your own hands, as we commanded you

- Christians are to wrk.

- Eze. 16:49

- Idle mind is the devils workshop.

- Parents make your kids work.

- Pr. 22:15- Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child.

- Be an honest worker not a free loader, Bum.

- 2Th. 3:6-14

- The lost world watches Christians in how they act.

- 1Pet. 4:15- Peter classifies busybodies with murder and theft. This is serious stuff.

- This is how God feels about a lazy person who won't work.

4:12- Without- without Christ

- Live honest among lost people

- Keep your testimony

- Pay your bills.

4:12- 1- Walk honestly - Testimony

2- Lack of nothing- work so you will have money to live.

- Joke- My wife is going to have plastic surgery, I am going to cut up her credit cards.

- Lk. 16:11- True riches - Gospel

- Col. 4:5- Walk in wisdom, you can't live around the lost without being contaminated.

4:13-18- The conclusion to verse 13-18 is verse 18-

- vs. 18- Comfort one another with these words.

- It's a comfort to know our saviour is coming back to get us out of this mess.

- Isa. 40:1

- Proves there is life after death.

- A saying on a man's grave stone

  - "I was not, I became, I am not, I care not".

- This was one unhappy, miserable person, and now he's in hell.

4:13- Asleep

- He is not talking about people who slept in and missed church.

- This is the sleep of death.

- Acts 7:57-60

- Death is sleep to the Christian.

- False cults say when you die, the soul sleeps.

- Your soul never sleeps it's your body

- Mt. 27:52

- Jh. 11:11-14

- Gen. 35:18

- Ph. 1:21- to die is gain

- 2Cor. 5:8

- 2Tim. 4:6- the time of my departure is at hand

- Lk. 23:43- today

4:13- That ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

- There's a difference in funerals of a lost man and a saved man.

- If I die I am in heaven, you'll be down here paying taxes still.

- Lk. 23:28- weep not for me, but weep for yourselves.

4:13- No hope

- No purgatory, no limbo- Heaven or hell

- Jh. 3:36

- Ecc. 11:3- where the tree falleth there it shall be.

- Once you die it's too late.

- Where you land is where you stay.