




TO THE CHURCH OF THE **THESSALONIANS**

CHAPTER 4

Their Growth



Their Exhortation to Abound

(vv. 1-2)

Their Knowledge and Faithfulness

- (v. 1) – *“just as you actually do walk”* (NASB)
– 1:3, 9-10; 3:6
- (v. 2) – acted on the word of Christ (2:13) (*cf.*
1 Cor. 14:37)

Their Need to Abound

- Paul did not doubt or question their faithfulness but called them to grow/abound.



Their Sanctification (vv. 3-8)

The Responsibility (vv. 3-5)

- (v. 3a) – God’s will of sanctification (1:8, 9; *John 17:15-18*)
- (v. 3b) – abstain from sexual immorality.
- (vv. 4-5) – principle on how this is achieved – and they are to “*abound more and more*” (cf. *1 Cor. 6:13-14, 20; 9:26-27*)

The Warning (v. 6) (cf. *Prov. 6:30-35*)

The Reason (vv. 7-8) (cf. *1 Pet. 1:15-16*)



Their Love (vv. 9-12)

The Exhortation (vv. 9-10)

- (vv. 9-10a) – They know (1:3; 3:6; 4:10a) (cf. 1 Peter 1:22; John 13:35)
- Increase – cf. *Philippians 1:9-11*

The Practice (v. 11)

- Lead quiet life, mind own business, work.

The Reason (v. 12)

- Provides for world (cf. *Titus 2:9-10*) and self (cf. *Proverbs 6:6-11*)



Their Comfort (vv. 13-18)

The Danger (v. 13)

- Not sorrow, but sorrow devoid of hope – *cf.* 2 Cor. 2:7; 1 Cor. 15:17-19; Rev. 14:13

The Solution (vv. 14-17)

- (v. 14) – Christ’s resurrection (*cf.* 1 Cor. 15:22-23)
- (vv. 15-17) – they won’t be left out.

The Responsibility (v. 13) (*cf.* 2 Cor. 1:3-4)



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