

The Church at Her Best—Sanctification

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

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1. 4:2 Firstly, we know that God's will is that we would be reconnected with Him through Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection.
2. 4:3 God's will for your life is that you experience sanctification.
3. 4:3 Sanctification means living in a manner consistent with the character and commands of God.
4. 4:3 As we pursue God's will for our lives, we are to avoid all things sexual outside of marriage.
5. *Genesis 2:24* God designed sex for a purpose: to bond one man and one woman together for life.
6. *1 Corinthians 6:18* Engaging in sexual stuff affects our entire self, because we were made as people whose lives cannot be compartmentalized.
7. *Ephesians 5:31-32* Sex makes a man and a woman one, but it is also a picture of the gospel. God wanted to take something with profound mystery and give us a tangible illustration.
8. *Ephesians 5:31-32* Because sex is a picture of the relationship Jesus has with His church, it is imperative that we protect what God has made sacred.
9. 4:4 The gospel and our knowledge of God should have an impact on our outward actions.
10. 4:5 How we live reflects Whose we are.
11. 4:6 As we interact with each other, we need to operate with integrity so that we do not wrong our brothers and sisters in Jesus.
12. 4:7 We are blessed by the callings that God has placed on our lives to move away from empty living and idolatry and toward becoming who we were created to be.

