

## *Notes for 1 Thessalonians chapter 4:1-13*

Reference	Doctrine	Implication	Cross References	Notes
1 Thess. 4:1-2	Christian Walk	Christians should excel more in their “walk”	Colossians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:12	περισσευω - to abound, overflow
1 Thess. 4:2-3	Sanctification	Paul’s instruction came from Christ	Matthew 28:20; Acts 20:27	αγιασμος - sanctification
1 Thess. 4:3-8	Sexual immorality	The blessing and abuse of God’s gift	Matthew 5:27-32; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20;	πορνεια - sexual immorality vessel - body or spouse  παθος - passion
1 Thess. 4:3-8	God’s desire for us	God is both lawgiver and avenger	Romans 1:18; Ephesians 5:6	θελημα - wish, will, desire
1 Thess. 4:9-12	Sanctification Examples	Love for brethren, quiet life, hard working, behavior proper to outsiders	Romans 12:9-21; Ephesians 4:28; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12	αγαπαω - love φιλοτιμεομαι - be fond of; ambition  εξω - without, outside
1 Thess. 4:13	“Soul sleep”	The term “sleep” is used in place of the word “death” to relay the concept of awakening to life through Jesus.	John 11:11-12; Acts 7:60; 13:36; 1 Cor. 7:39; 11:30; 15:6,18,20,51; Matthew 27:52; 1 Thess. 4:13,14,15; 2 Peter 3:4 [Matt. 28:13; Luke 22:45]	αγνοεω - “uninformed” or “ignorant” κοιμαω - “sleep” (occurs 18 times in NT in the sense of “death” 15 times)

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