

“Sexual Holiness” (1 Thessalonians 4:1–8)

Introduction: Applying Paul’s Prayer for Love-Driven Sanctification

**Big Idea: God’s holiness demands sexual holiness.**

- I. The Will of God for Christian Sexuality (verses 1–5)
  - a. Sexual chastity is a necessity for obedient consecration to God. (verses 1–3)  
  
Matthew 19:3–6
  - b. Sexual consecration demands abstinence and self-control. (verses 3–4)  
  
“Body” here is literally “vessel”.  
2 Timothy 2:19–22  
1 Corinthians 9:24–27
  - c. Sexual consecration refuses to be controlled by ungodly passions. (verse 5)  
  
Ephesians 4:17–24; Leviticus 20:22–23, 26; Romans 1:21–27
  - d. Sexual consecration refuses take advantage of others, especially Christians. (verse 6a)  
  
Romans 13:8–10
- II. The Wrath of God against Sexual Impurity (verses 6b–8)
  - a. Sexual immorality brings the Lord’s vengeance. (verse 6b)
  - b. Sexual immorality defiles God’s holy calling. (verse 7)
  - c. Sexual immorality disregards God’s Holy Spirit. (verse 8)  
  
Ezekiel 36:22–27

Conclusion: Ephesians 5:1–17