

THE MOST IMPORTANT BOOK IN THE WORLD!

ROMANS

1 THESSALONIANS

1 THESS. 4-5: THE SUPER-ABOUNDING CHRISTIAN LIFE

- 1. The Thessalonians followed Paul and therefore followed the Lord and therefore had been transferred out of the Sphere of Sin and Death and placed into God's Sphere of Righteousness and Life and there the whole Triune Godhead went to work on them. 1 Thess. 1**
- 2. The first step in Christian living is Remembering how Paul's Ministry came in the past (1 Thess. 2):**
 - a. It came out of Love, by Grace, through Faith, in Hope, associated with the things of Holiness.**
 - b. And it came apart from the things of Sin and apart from Israel and through her Fall.**
- 3. Now while Paul is hindered from returning, God is sending Timothy/s, whose sole job is to remind everyone everywhere of what Paul taught in every church everywhere. (1 Thess. 3 with I Cor. 3-4)**
- 4. Remembering Paul (1 Thess. 3:6) enables us to Stand Fast in the Lord (3:8) which brings us into thankful communion with God (3:9-11) which empowers a life of Super-Abounding Agape Love (3:12) which produces a blameless and holy walk (3:13).**
- 5. The Super-Abounding Walk that pleases God in Super-Abounding Love is never associated with sexual immorality. (4:1-8)**
- 6. Sexual immorality is concerned with self not others—it uses/misuses/abuses others for its own self-gratification.**

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- 7. Agape Love, however, is the exact opposite of this!**
 - a. Agape Love is not concerned with Self—it is always concerned with Others.**
 - b. Agape Love always seeks to build-up and establish others; protect and preserve others.**

- 8. Sexual immorality is associated with the things of Sin and Death that dishonor our bodily relationships (4:3-4; Rom. 1:24), defrauds others (4:6) and despises God (4:7-8).**

- 9. In 1 Cor. 6 explains it this way:**
 - a. Don't you know that your body is the Lord's! (1 Cor. 6:13)**
 - b. Don't you know that the resurrection includes your body! (6:14)**
 - c. Don't you know that your body is a member of Christ! (6:15)**
 - d. Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit! (6:19)**
 - e. Don't you know that your body was bought with the price of the Cross! (6:20)**

- 10. THEREFORE, FLEE SEXUAL IMMORALITY!! And serve God, yes, with your spirit, but also you body! (1 Cor. 6:18, 20)**

- 11. The Super-Abounding Walk that please God in Super-Abounding Love never dishonors/defrauds others, esp., the brethren. It always extends Super-Abounding Brotherly Love to them!(1 Thess. 4:9-10)**

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- 12. Super-abounding brotherly love doesn't bring undo/unnecessary hardship to fellow believers and the assembly. (1 Thess. 4:11-12)**
 - a. It operates in an orderly and quiet manner—not disorderly/peace-breaking. (2 Thess. 3:10-12)**
 - b. It calls on them to continue to fulfill their “normal” obligations and responsibilities in life in this world.**
 - c. It calls on them to support themselves.**
 - d. Gal. 6:2, 5.**

- 13. The Super-Abounding Walk that is produced by Super-Abounding Love and that always extends Super-Abounding brotherly love to others occurs within the context of Super-Abounding Hope.**

- 14. This Hope of Christ Coming for them was not to be a source of trouble for the assembly but a source of comfort. (4:18)**

- 15. This is the unique Hope of the Body of Christ, her Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13) and was given by special revelation directly to Paul. (4:15)**

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- 16. It will be sudden, whereby Christ removes His ambassadors of grace and peace from enemy territory before He declares war and judgment and wrath on His enemies. (2 Thess. 2:9-12)**
- 17. The Body of Christ is “caught away,” raptured. (4:17)**
- 18. At this time all the members of the Body of Christ will be together with their Head, the Lord Jesus Christ. (4:17)**
- 19. We will be escorted into the Lord’s Presence in the clouds—God’s Glory in the midst of His Angelic Hosts. (Lk. 2:9, 13; Mat. 17:5; Acts 1:9; Mat. 26:64)**
- 20. Michael the Archangel calls all to readiness.
--The Call, the Shout, the Trumpet—this is the call to arms for the angelic hosts.**
- 21. Why is this military escort required?**
 - a. Now, Satan is the Prince of the Power of the Air. (Eph. 2:2)**
 - b. The Rapture takes us through his domain where he wages conflict.**
 - c. God’s Angelic army will see us through safely and land us in the presence of the Lord forevermore to fulfill our heavenly calling.**

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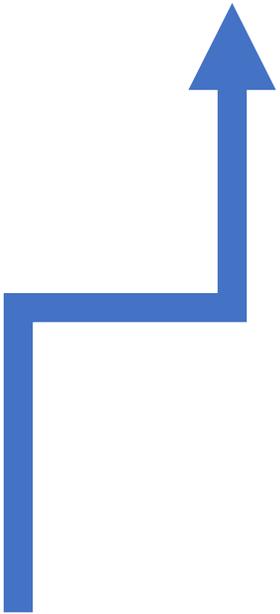


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