

The Model Church: A Strong Love

1 Thessalonians 03: 11–13

1 *Paul's great prayer*

- a. To God and Christ
- b. To visit the church

2 *The great need: Love*

- a. To love “everyone”
- b. The source of love:
The Lord
and His “agape” love

3 *The great result of love*

- a. To be presented blameless
before God
- b. When:
At the return of
the Lord Jesus Christ

11 Now may our God and Father himself
and our Lord Jesus
clear the way for us to come to you.

12 May the Lord make your love increase
and overflow for each other
and for everyone else,
just as ours does for you.

13 May he strengthen your hearts
so that you will be blameless and holy
in the presence of our God and Father
when our Lord Jesus comes
with all his holy ones.

Walk That Pleases God (Part I): A Life of Purity

1 Thessalonians 04:01–08

1 *The earnest*

but tender exhortation

a. Live to please God,
and do so more and more

b. Keep the commandments
given you by the Lord Jesus

2 *The commandment:*

God's will is your sanctification

a. Avoiding sexual immorality

b. Knowing how to control
your body and spouse

c. Resisting lustful passion

3 *The reasons for purity*

a. Immorality cheats
and wrongs a brother

b. Immorality shall be revenged
by God

c. Immorality is not God's call;
holiness is

d. Immorality is a sin
against God

1 Finally, brothers,
we instructed you how to live
in order to please God,
as in fact you are living.
Now we ask you
and urge you in the Lord Jesus
to do this more and more.

2 For you know what instructions
we gave you
by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

3 It is God's will
that you should be sanctified:
that you should avoid sexual immorality;

4 That each of you should learn
to control his own body
in a way that is holy and honourable,

5 Not in passionate lust like the heathen,
who do not know God;

6 And that in this matter
no one should wrong his brother
or take advantage of him.
The Lord will punish men
for all such sins,
as we have already told you
and warned you.

7 For God did not call us to be impure,
but to live a holy life.

8 Therefore,
he who rejects this instruction
does not reject man but God,
who gives you his Holy Spirit.