Sermon **Knowing, Loving and Trusting God in our Sexuality**. 1 Thess 4:1-8 8-4-2019 Brad Willock

**God’s will for God’s people is complete commitment to a holy life.**

Background:

1 Thes 2:10-12

**Point 1: What does God Require?**

Ephesians 4:29 Genesis 1:28 1 Peter 1:14-16 Leviticus 11:44

**Point 2: How can I fulfil it?**

#1 Know how to control your body

1 Cor 6:12-13 Gal 5:16 Eph 5:17 Col 3:16 Psalm 119:11

#2 Don’t act like a Godless unbeliever

Col 3:9

#3 Don’t cross the line

**Point 3 – Why should I obey?**

#1 It’s serious

Hebrews 13:4 Hebrews 10:31

#2 it’s our calling

#3 it’s a work of the Spirit

1 Cor. 6:19

Conclusion: Psalm 16:6 Prov. 16:25

**Application**

1. Discuss what is declared with *certainty* to be God’s will in this passage?
2. God is sovereign over all things (Ps 103:19, Ps 155:3, Eph 1:11). If He is sovereign over all things, His word to us is fully authoritative. What authoritative commands are given in this passage? What warning is He giving to disobeying theses commands?
3. Contrast learning how to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable with acting in passionate lust, a characteristic of those who do not know, love, nor trust God.
4. Are holiness and sexual immorality mutually exclusive? Do you agree? Why or why not?
5. This is written to believers who have already been declared holy by their position in Christ (justified by grace). This teaching is now referring to their future conduct (by sanctifying grace). How is this significant for believers?
6. What do you think it means by saying not to wrong, violate, or take advantage of a brother/sister in this area? What does God promise to do about it?
7. Why do you think God cares so much about the sexual purity of the believer?
8. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:8 again. How do the following verses speak to the function of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer: John 14:16-17;26, Romans 5:5, 2 Corinthians 1:22, Galatians 4:5-6, Titus 3:5 & 1 John 3:24.
9. What can you say to someone, especially a Christian, who says they don’t accept biblical standards about sexual morality because they don’t apply today?
10. In the gospel, Jesus died to atone for every sin and is just to forgive every sin (1 John 1:9). Discuss this statement- “His forgiveness is not that we may presume on grace, but that we may persevere in holiness”.