

A photograph of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore. The sand is golden-brown, and there are several footprints visible in the foreground and middle ground. The sky is a pale blue. A black banner with white text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image, and a solid orange rectangle is on the right side.

A Christian's Walk to Please God

I Thessalonians 4:1-8

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (NASB)

1 Finally then, brethren, we request and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us *instruction* as to how you ought to *walk* and *please* God (just as you actually do *walk*), that you excel still more.

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

3 For this is the *will of God*, your *sanctification*; that is, that you *abstain* from sexual immorality;

4 that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in *sanctification* and honor,

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 (NASB)

5 not in lustful passion, like the Gentiles who do not know God;

6 and that no man transgress and defraud his brother in the matter because the Lord is the *avenger* in all these things, just as we also told you before and solemnly warned you.

7 For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in *sanctification*.

8 So, he who rejects this is not rejecting man but the God who gives *His Holy Spirit* to you.

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To please God: walk as per instructions (v1, 2)

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**To please God: walk in obedience to God's will
(v3a)**

this is the will of God, your sanctification.

Natural State (Wickedness)	Justification (Imputed righteousness)	Sanctification (Imparted Righteousness)	Glorification (Redemption)
In step with Satan	Knowing God personally	Knowing God increasingly	Knowing God perfectly
Enslaved to sin	Freedom from the penalty of sin	Freedom from the power of sin	Freedom from the presence of sin
Will of man	Will of God (1 Tim. 2:4)	Will of God (1 Thess. 4:3)	Will of God (Rom. 8:30)
Enmity with God	Completed reconciliation	Progressive Holiness	Assured holiness
Work of man	Work of God	Work of God and Man	Work of God
I was there	Past	Present continuous	Future
	Been saved (Eph. 2:8)	Being saved (1 Cor. 1:18)	Will be saved (1 Pet 1:5)
	Positional sanctification (Eph. 1:13-14)	Crisis/progressive sanctification (Acts 2:4, 13:52)	

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since you have taken off your old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator

Colossians 3:9-10

We are His workmanship

Ephesians 2:10

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For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters;

Romans 8:29

just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

Ephesians 1:4

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To please God: walk away from sin (v3b, 4, 5, 7)

that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality;

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To please God: walk with fear of judgement (v6,8)

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1. *I should walk* as per instructions
2. *I should walk* in obedience to God's will
3. *I should walk* away from sin
4. *I should walk* in fear of God's judgement

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- **Learn (mind)**
His word is truth (John 17:17)
- **Love (heart)**
His son is the truth (John 14:6)
- **Live (will - yield)**
His Spirit is the truth (1 John 5:6)

Learning and Loving should lead to Living

- Warren Weirsbe