

I and II Thessalonians – During Paul’s 2nd Missionary Journey

Chapter Four

Part One – Sexual Immorality Ch4:1-6, 7-8

- Vs 1-2 Encouragement and reminder of authority – good for us too!
Vs 3-6 Culturally acceptable licentiousness and, (6) adultery with other
 Christians(?)
Vs 2, 7-8 Authority means God

Part Two – Christian Living in Brotherly Love Ch 4:9-12

- Vs 9-10 As mentioned earlier – important that it continues
Vs 11-12 Quaker Mentality – quiet life avoids conflicting interest in the world

Part Three – The Rapture Ch 4:13-18

- Vs 13-14 The great hope of Christianity – Resurrection to NEW life!
Vs 15-17 The “catching away” != “second coming” !
 I Thessalonians 5:9
 I Corinthians 15:50-57

1. We cannot be judged with the world; facing the wrath of God, by an absolutely righteous God, if our sin have been paid for with the blood of Jesus Christ.
2. We cannot be fully sanctified and cohabitately physically with God, in these corrupt bodies, cursed by sin.
3. Believers cannot be allowed to fall under the hand of Satan and the anti-Christ (the “man of lawlessness”, as we belong to God.
4. Wrath must come, and judgment on earth, for Israel and for the nations, as prophesied by God.
5. Rapture (Catching Away) makes sense!