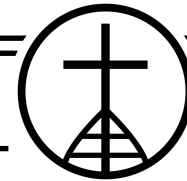


PULPIT CURRICULUM

The Marks of a Good Christian: Holiness

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

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Prayer & Praise: Pray for our missionary in Kenya, Reuben Meriakol, whose trip to the USA was cancelled due to complications when entering the country.

1: God wants you to know that purity is possible (v.3)

How would you describe sanctification? What about holiness? How do the two ideas relate to our Christian walk?

Why is *abstain from sexual immorality* so foreign to our ears? What obvious ways has our culture gone downhill? What are the more subtle ways we need to be wary of?

2: God wants you to know that purity is personal (vv.4-6)

"Old sins recycled in our minds become tomorrow's temptations." How do we win the battle for our minds? What are some Scriptures and strategies for fighting that battle?

"Fight and win the near battle, not the far off one." What does that mean and how does that apply to our text?

Read Colossians 3:5: What does mortifying sin look like practically in your fight against sin?

3: God wants you to know purity is purposeful (vv.7-8)

What are some other verses that come to mind when it comes to knowing that one of God's purposes in calling us to Jesus Christ is our personal holiness?

Mutual Ministry: Think about the acronym HOLD: Honest, Often, Local, and Direct. When it comes to accountability, are any of those areas lacking? How can our mutual ministry in Lifegroup help?

*Let not that man think he makes any progress in holiness who daily walks not over the bellies of his lusts.
He who doth not kill sin in this way takes no steps toward his journey's end.*

John Owen – *"Mortification of Sin"*