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1 Thessalonians 4:9 Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;<sup>10</sup> for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more,



**Acts 17:1** Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews.<sup>2</sup> Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,<sup>3</sup> explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.”<sup>4</sup> And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.



1 Thessalonians 3:1 Therefore, when we could no longer endure it, we thought it good to be left in Athens alone,<sup>2</sup> and sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow laborer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith,



**1 Thessalonians 3:5** For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain.<sup>6</sup> But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also to see you—<sup>7</sup>therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress we were comforted concerning you by your faith.<sup>8</sup> For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.



1 Thessalonians 1:8 For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything.



# the call to holiness



**1 Thessalonians 4:1** Finally then, brethren, we urge and exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should abound more and more, just as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God;<sup>2</sup> for you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus.<sup>3</sup> For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;<sup>4</sup> that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,



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1 Thessalonians 4:5 not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles who do not know God;<sup>6</sup> that no one should take advantage of and defraud his brother in this matter, because the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also forewarned you and testified.<sup>7</sup> For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.<sup>8</sup> Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.



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1 Peter 1:14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;<sup>15</sup> but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,<sup>16</sup> because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”



the call to love more



1 Thessalonians 1:2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,<sup>3</sup> remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,



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1 Corinthians 13:13 And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.



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1 Thessalonians 4:9 But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;<sup>10</sup> and indeed you do so toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, that you increase more and more;



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1 Thessalonians 3:6 But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always have good remembrance of us, greatly desiring to see us, as we also to see you—



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**1 John 4:7** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.<sup>8</sup> He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.<sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.<sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.<sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.



the call to duty



1 Thessalonians 4:11 that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you,<sup>12</sup> that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.