

Paul's letters to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 4:1-18

NSP School of Life and Doctrine

Spring Session 2010

Week 4

Review of 2:17-3:13...

Paul's Love (2:17-20)

Paul's Concern (3:1-5)

Paul's Prayer (3:6-13)

Describe a life that is "pleasing" to God...

Holiness of Life (4:1-8)

Dt.29:29

Love for the Brothers (4:9-12)

Sanctified lack of ambition

Hope in Death (4:13-18)

Rapture = Caught up

Pre-tribulational, Mid-tribulational, Post-tribulational



Small Group Discussion:

1. What was Paul's "Big Picture" answer to the big question of God's will?
How does this "Big Picture" help you with all the other decisions you have to make (parenting, career, relationships, spending habits, etc, etc.)?
2. How does Paul communicate the seriousness of God's call to holiness (v.7-8)?
How does the gravity of this affect your daily life choices?
3. Describe how you "have been taught by God to love one another." (ie. How has God done this?)
In what ways do you show this love?
For what reasons do you resist showing it?
Why does Paul urge the Thessalonians – and you – "to do this [love] more and more"?
4. What would a "sanctified lack of ambition" mean for you? (ie. "to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work...so that you may live properly before outsiders...")
5. How can you "encourage one another with these words" about the coming of the Lord?