

WHEN HOPE FALTERS

February 11, 2018

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

I. God is not _____. – v. 1

God's will for your life is your sanctification. What are some other things that people often believe are God's will for their life? How does knowing God's true will for your life change how you view events and circumstances in your life? Give an example.

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Sin tears down our hope in Jesus and is a major deterrent to our sanctification. What sin or sins in your life are hindering your hope and sanctification in Christ? Stop right now and prayerfully repent of those sins before the Lord.

II. Sanctification is _____. – v. 2-3

4. COMMIT THIS WEEK

What tangible step will you take this week to grow in sanctification by walking away from sin and walking closer with God?



III. Sin _____ . — v. 3b-8

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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Hope in Christ can sometimes get lost in our day to day lives. We must learn to guard against this to avoid the pain that it brings.

1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8. What is Paul's strong admonition to the Thessalonians? What does he say is God's will for the life of a believer? How do these two things relate to one another?

Choose to Sin, Choose to Suffer. According to Paul, what types of suffering come from our sin? How does the reality that all sin is against God impact your view of sin in your life? In light of your sin, why is it important that God gives you His Holy Spirit?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How is your walk with God going? Which of the five descriptors of a walk that pleases God (Intentional, Takes Effort, Incremental, Moves You, Sometimes Backwards) is most challenging to you? Why is that?



**WHEN I _____ MY HOPE IN GOD,
I _____ ALL PARTIES INVOLVED.**

Stewardship Report:

Last Week: \$2,069.00

This Month: \$2,069.00

Last Month: \$15,784.00

Monthly Budget: \$15,070.00



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