

# **Living to please God**

## **1 Thessalonians 4:1-12**

*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, <sup>5</sup> 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<sup>[a]</sup> has also given us His Holy Spirit.*

### *A Brotherly and Orderly Life*

*<sup>9</sup> 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; <sup>11</sup> 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.*

## **When do we please God?**

### **Colossians 3:12-17**

*Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>13</sup> bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. <sup>14</sup> But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

## God's intention

**Genesis 1:27**, He created man and woman in His likeness.

# What is sin?

Hebrew term *chata* = missing the goal / mark or missing the path of right and duty



What is then the mark/ target?

Mark/target

- Adam and Eve missed the target
- The Jews missed the target
- We all missed the target

## Target is the law of God

1 John 3:4, *Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. (Law of God)*

Romans 3:23, *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

Law of God  
=  
Glory of God

# Glory of God

## What is then the Glory of God ?

**John 1:14**, *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

**John 14:9**, *Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”*

**Hebrews 1:3**, *who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person,*

**In everything Jesus did on earth He was the radiance of God’s glory.  
In him God was pleased!**

## The reason why the law was given

To make people understand how powerless they were and fell short of the character of God. Short of His Glory and short of His likeness in which they were initially created.

We need somebody to help us from the inside. We need His Spirit to help us with it.

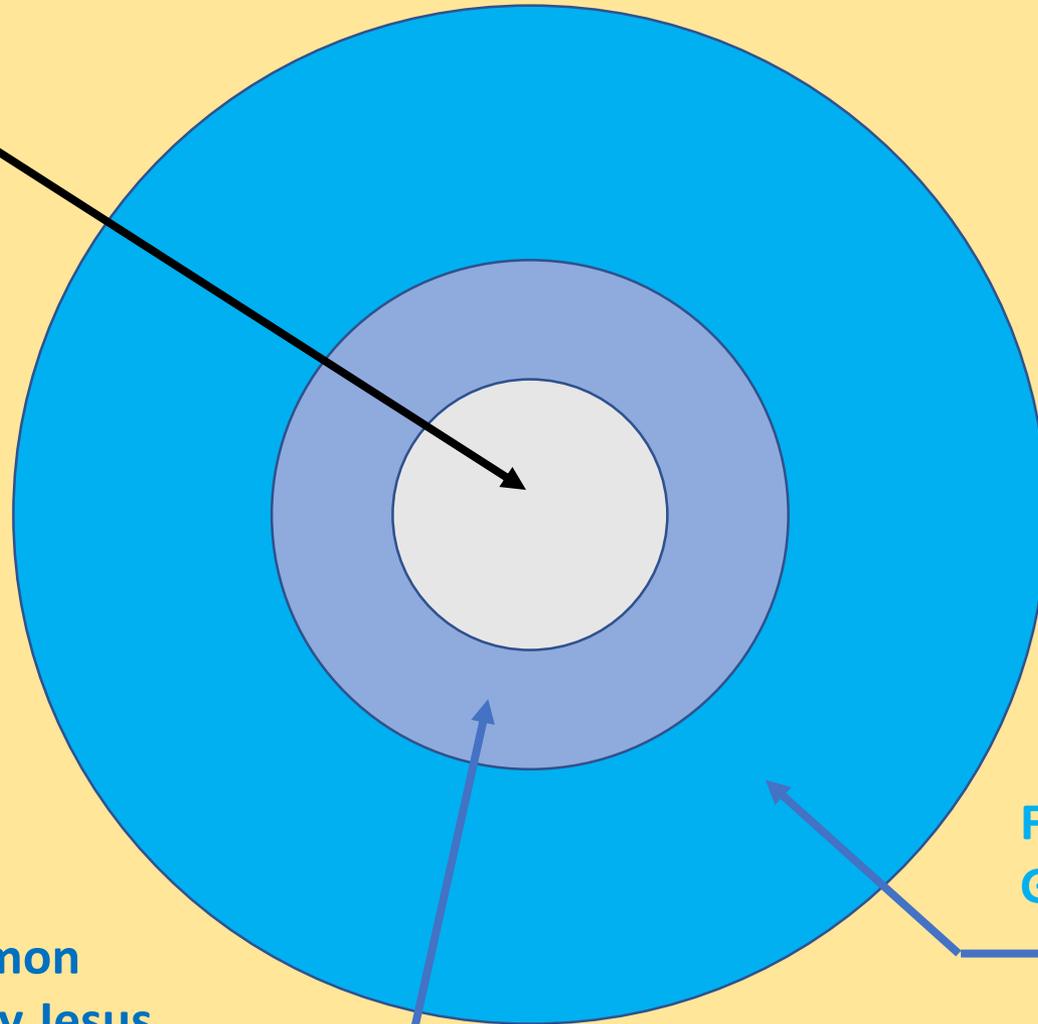
**Zech.4:6**, *Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord Almighty.*

## Sermon on the Mount

- Matthew 5-6
- Matthew 5:48**, *Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.*
- No one has seen God John 1:18, but through Jesus, we know exactly how God is and what He likes us to be.*

Ten Commandments and Mosaic Law  
Exodus 20:1-17 and further chapters

Fulfilled by and in Jesus  
Mat. 5:17, Galatians 2:20



Beatitudes, Sermon  
On the Mount by Jesus  
Matthew 5-6

Fruit of the Spirit  
Galatians 5: 22-23

## Paul's realization , our realization

2 Cor.3:4-6, *And we have such trust through Christ toward God. 5 **Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but **our sufficiency is from God, 6 who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the <sup>[a]</sup>Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*****