

FAITHFUL SEXUALITY IN THE END TIMES

1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8 (ESV)

A brief excursus on sanctification

1. Sanctification is our progressive growth in _____.
2. It is the product and fruit of being saved, not the _____.
3. It is achieved through willful collaboration with the Holy Spirit.
4. Even though our sanctification is incomplete, God views our good works through the works of Christ and is _____ with them.

I. Faithful Christian sexuality is not simply a matter of

_____ —we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to pursue _____ sexuality.

The prohibitions:

II. Faithful Christian sexuality...

A. Prohibits any _____ - _____ sexual activity.

B. Sometimes says “no” to bodily _____.

C. Constrains the _____ and _____ of one’s biological sex, grounded in the reality of the body.

1. First and foremost, our sexuality is tied to God's _____
to be fruitful and multiply.

2. Secondly, sex is given to us for marital intimacy and
_____.

The positives:

III. Faithful Christian sexuality is pursued...

A. In the same way *any* _____ is pursued.

B. By _____ and _____ what the Bible says about
such matters.

C. By submitting to the imminent, relational empowerment of the
Holy Spirit through _____ and Christian
_____.

D. By making choices about our sexual lives in light of the
_____.