

## Chapter 4

*He exhorteth them to liue as he taught them: and namely to absteine from al fornication, 9. to loue one another, 11. to meddle only with their owne matters, 12. to behaue themfelues wel toward the Infidels. 13. Touching their freinds departed he comforteth them, shewing that they shal meet againe at the Refurrection, and be with Chrif for euer.*

**F**or the reft therefore, Brethren, we defire and befeech you in our Lord IESVS, that as you haue receiued of vs how you ought to walke, and to please God, as also you doe walke, that you abound more. <sup>2</sup> For you know what precepts I haue giuen to you by our Lord IESVS. <sup>3</sup> For this is the wil of God, your fanctification: that you abftaine from fornication, <sup>4</sup> that euery one may know to poffeffe his veffel in fanctification and honour: <sup>5</sup> not in the paffion of luft, as also the Gentils that know not God, <sup>6</sup> and that no man ouer-goe, nor circumuent his brother in bufineffe: becaufe our Lord is reuenger of al thefe things, as we haue fore-told you, and haue teftified. <sup>7</sup> For God hath not called vs vnto vncleaneffe, but into fanctification. <sup>8</sup> Therefore he that defpifeth thefe things, defpifeth <sup>a</sup>not man but God, who also hath giuen his holy Spirit in vs.

<sup>9</sup> But concerning the charitie of the <sup>a</sup>)Fraternitie, we haue no need to write to you: For your felues haue learned of God to loue one another. <sup>10</sup> Yea and you doe it toward al the Brethren in al Macedonia. But we defire you, Brethren, that you <sup>b</sup>)abound more: <sup>11</sup> and that you employ your endeauour to be quiet, and that you doe your owne bufineffe, and worke with your owne hands, as we haue commanded you: <sup>12</sup> and that you walke honeftly toward them that are without; and need nothing of any man's.

*Io. 13, 25.  
15, 17.  
Heb. 13, 1.*

<sup>a</sup> Al Catholike Chriftians make one Fraternitie or Brotherhood.

<sup>b</sup> Chriftian men ought to proceed and profit continually in good workes and iuftification.

<sup>13</sup> And we wil not haue you ignorant, Brethren,  
 concerning them that <sup>a</sup>fleep, that you be not forrowful,  
 as alfo others that haue no hope. <sup>14</sup> For if we beleeeue  
 that IESVS died and rofe againe, fo alfo God them that  
 haue flept by IESVS wil bring with him. <sup>15</sup> For this we  
 1. *Cor.* 15, 23. fay to you in the word of our Lord, that <sup>a</sup>)we which liue,  
 which are remaining in the aduent of our Lord, shal not  
 preuent them that haue flept. <sup>16</sup> For our Lord himfelf in  
 Mt. 24, 31. commandement, and in the voice of an Archangel, & in  
 1. *Cor.* 13, 52. the trompet of God wil defcend from heauen: and the  
 dead that are in Chrift, shal rife againe firft. <sup>17</sup> Then  
 we that liue, that are left, withal shal be taken vp with  
 them in the clouds to meet Chrift, into the aire, and fo  
 alwaies we shal be with our Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort  
 ye one another in thefe words.

## ANNOTATIONS

8 Not man but God.) He that defpifeth the Churches or her  
 lawful Paftours precepts, offendeth no leffe then if he contemned  
 God's exprefse commandements. For they be of the Holy Ghoft,  
 and are not to be counted among the commandements of men  
 only.

The precepts of  
 the Church.

13 Sleep.) Some Heretikes peruerfly inferred of this that  
 the foules did fleep til the day of iudgement: where it is meant of  
 the bodies only.

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<sup>a</sup> He fpeaketh in the perfon of thofe that fhall be aliue when our  
 Sauour returneth to iudgement.