

2022-2023 BSP#5 Group Time Discussion

(A) 為查考和認識的題目 Questions for Studying and Understanding (10 minutes)

1. 閱讀 4:5。為什麼丈夫和妻子之間基於基督信仰正確地進行的婚姻行為，被認為是神聖的。然而，男人和妓女之間同樣的性結合行為，卻被認為是非法和不道德的？
 - a. 前者反映著並參與了基督與他的教會之間的結合，而後者則沒有。
 - b. 後者是違反法律的，必須受控告和懲罰。
 - c. 前者尊重生命，對生命開放。後者則不是。
 - d. 前行為中在婚姻內結合的夫婦，承諾了對彼此忠誠。後者則不是。
 - e. 後者不是一個自由的行為。

Read 4:5. Why is the conjugal act, properly carried out between husband and wife based on the Christian faith, considered holy; and yet the same sexual union between a man and a prostitute is considered illicit and immoral?

- a. The former act mirrors and partake of the unity between Christ and his Church while the latter does not.
 - b. The latter act is against the law and must be prosecuted and punished.
 - c. The former act respects and is opened to life. Not the latter.
 - d. The married couple in the former act are committed to being faithful to each other. Not the latter.
 - e. The latter act is not a free act.
2. 讀 4:8。我們怎麼知道天主真的把他的聖神賜給了我們？
 - a. 基督徒的「身體是聖神的宮殿，這聖神是你們由天主而得的」（格林多前書 6:19）。
 - b. 我們已經接受了洗禮和堅振。
 - c. 在基督徒的日常生活中，我們能清楚地感受到聖神在帶領我們所做的每一件事。
 - d. 我們是基督身體的肢體。
 - e. 在五旬節，聖神以一種新的方式降臨，滲透到教會中並賦予我們力量，使我們能夠在聖神內過新的生活。（參見宗 2:17-18）

Read 4:8 How do we know it's true that God gives his holy Spirit to us?

- a. A Christian's "body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God" (1 Cor 6:19).
- b. We have received Baptism and Confirmation.
- c. In our daily life as Christians, we can feel clearly that the Spirit is guiding us in everything we do.
- d. We are members of the Body of Christ.
- e. On Pentecost, the Spirit descended in a new way, infiltrating the Church and empowering us to lead a new life in the Spirit (cf. Acts 2:17-18)

(B) 為反思和應用的題目。Reflection and application question (15 minutes)

在 4:9-12 中，保祿敦促得撒洛尼努力工作，以贏得非基督徒的尊重。保祿對會眾聲譽的關注，與他關於我們不應該向任何人尋求讚美的教導是否互相矛盾（得撒洛尼前書 2:4,6）？作為基督徒，我們在很多方面都是反文化的，因為基督信仰的價值觀和世界的價值觀往往互相對立。教會應為了維護基督信仰的價值觀而建立圍牆，往內退縮，還是為了吸引非信徒而向外伸展，接受世界的方式？

In 4:9-12 Paul urges the Thessalonians to work in order to win the respect of non-Christians. Does Paul's concern for the congregation's reputation contradict his teaching that we shouldn't seek praise from anyone (1 Thess 2:4,6)? Being Christian is in many ways being counter-cultural since Christian and world values are often at odd with each other. Should the Church withdraw into itself in order to safeguard the Christian values, or reach out and accept the world's way in order to attract the unbelievers?