

THE GOAL OF SANCTIFICATION

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

I. HIS PERSONAL AND HISTORICAL HISTORY WITH THE CHURCH (1:2-3:13)

II. HIS PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE EXHORTATIONS TO THE CHURCH (4:1-5:24)

G. Exhortations concerning HOLINESS & SPECIFIC CONDUCT if we want to PLEASE God in light of His soon return (5:16-24)

1. The SPECIFIC EXHORTATIONS:

- a. "Rejoice always" (5:16)
- b. "Pray without ceasing" (5:17)
- c. "In everything give thanks..." (5:18)
- d. "Do not quench the Spirit" (5:19)
- e. "Do not despise prophecies" (5:20)
- f. "Test all things and hold fast to what is good" (5:21)
- g. "Abstain from every form of evil" (5:22)

2. Paul's FINAL PETITION (5:23-24)

- a. This petition has several _____ to it.

1) Paul prayed here for the believer's _____ sanctification. (5:23a)

* How is it possible for the exhortations of chapter 4-5 to be fulfilled?

* Who is doing this transforming work in you? "The God of peace _____."

* What should this impress on us?

2) Paul described Him as "the God of _____." Why?

3) Paul's objective in 1 Thess. 5:23 is their _____.

* What does *complete* refer to?

4) The particulars of the petition include your whole _____, _____, and _____, or your _____ person.

* What is the function of each?

a) The spirit (*pneuma*):

b) The soul (*psyche*):

c) The body (*soma*):

5) Paul's wish for the whole person was that they "be _____ at the coming of Jesus Christ."

"blameless" (*amemptos*)

"be preserved" (*tereo*)

* What does at the Coming of Jesus Christ mean?

3. The ASSURANCE of a _____ answer to Paul's request is seen in verse 24:

"He who calls you is _____, who also will _____ it."

a. Paul's confidence that the prayer would be answered was based on the faithful _____ of God.

b. What this tells us is that "God's _____ is God's _____" in life.

* What is our part in sanctification?

* What does all this look like for you?