

## 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?