# WHOLE SANCTIFICATION IN CHRIST

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## Topic:

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## Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

### Prayer

Our Eternal Father, Lord of all creation, Keeper of our lives, Lover of our souls, thank You, wonderful God, for keeping us alive to witness today. We say, hallowed be Thy name, blessed be Your Holy name forever in our lives in Jesus Christ's mighty name. Lord, we pray and ask that You speak to us, open our hearts and minds to understand Your perfect will for us, take total control of today's study, let the impact be seen greatly in our lives, and prepare us for Your coming again in Jesus Christ's mighty name we pray. Amen.

### Introduction

Good day, beloved Brethren in Christ, once again. I am so glad to have us all here tonight. I believe that we would all be blessed by the Lord Himself in Jesus Christ's name. Amen. So we have a short admonition for us today, and the message is to every one of us as we are all together preparing for the coming of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord.

### Bible Text

### 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. [24] Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

### Study

I believe we should all know by now that God so much cares about every aspect of our lives. The way He cares for our spirit and souls, so does He also care for our whole bodies. If He doesn't, then He wouldn't have bothered making us with physical bodies on earth. For our physical bodies are just containers to carry our real inward man, which is our souls. It is God's Spirit that gives life to our souls and makes us commune with God easily. Through that, we are able to hear Him and commune with Him. Praise God.

But that is not where we are going; it is just to lay the foundation. Let's look at our Bible text in another version. "May the God who gives us peace make you holy in every way and keep your whole being—spirit, soul, and body—free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you will do it because He is faithful." So, now we see that the whole man is made of the spirit, soul, and body, and man cannot survive without any of these three. That is why it matters so much to God for them to be kept holy and faultless even at His coming. He is able to keep them faultless, sinless, and holy until He comes again.

Some actually think that what matters is outward holiness, leaving out the place for inner purity. Therefore, they still remain unclean before God because one or more aspects of their whole being have been neglected. Others think that God only looks at the heart but does not care about what we put on, which is also very wrong and hell-leading. Also, a part of their whole being—the body—has been neglected. Yet the scripture tells us that these must be kept holy and faultless even till the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let's look at what another scripture says:

**2 Corinthians 7:1** "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

Now the scripture says, "having these promises", what promises? The promises of eternal life, the promises that we would reign with Christ at the end of our lives on earth, the promises that we are God's children and He would walk within us and live comfortably in us right here on this earth. The Holy Spirit cannot live comfortably in some Christians again because they have neglected a part of their whole being, allowing it to still remain unclean before God. Therefore, that has been a loophole for the devil in their lives. **May the Lord help us all to be holy in every aspect of our lives, not neglecting any part in Jesus Christ's mighty name. Amen.**

So, these promises are to God's children, "the dearly beloved," who are saved, born-again, and bought by the precious blood of Christ our Saviour. It is not to unbelievers, because they do not yet know their right from their left. They would even scorn at every true doctrine that exposes evil because their works are evil, and therefore they would not live according to God's divine laws, which encourage righteousness and holiness in every area and aspect of life. They might say they are preparing for Heaven, they might even go to church and be active in church services, yet they are not bearing fruits of true righteousness and holiness because they are not yet saved genuinely through repentance from all sins. Therefore, we are encouraged as Heaven-bound Christians and children of God to drop every filthiness of the flesh and spirit that may want to pollute our bodies, souls, and spirits. When we do these, we are cleansing our whole man—spirit, soul, and body, and that is the perfect holiness recognized in the sight of God. This cleansing must be done in the fear of Him.

Now, **Whole sanctification** means complete holiness and righteousness in the whole man, that is, our spirit, soul, and body. And as we have said earlier, this is the only holiness that is acceptable in God's eyes. For 99% holiness is not acceptable in

God's sight. If we want to make Heaven and reign with Christ eternally, then we must meet up with His standard of holiness for our spirit, soul, and body, and that is 100% holiness, nothing less or short of that. This is not to scare us, because God is able to do it within us if we truly and genuinely seek Him for it. Hallelujah. So we need not worry; God has made provision for that, and that is why the scripture says: "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

Now, this was the prayer of Apostle Paul for the Church—the body of believers in Thessalonica. He prayed that God would do the work in them because He is able to do it. Yes! He is able to do it also in you—to make you completely holy because it is His will for you. **1 Thessalonians 4:3** "For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality;" It is God's greatest desire, and He longs to do it in you, only if you would surrender completely to Him for Him to start the work in you and to finish it up. **Philippians 1:6** "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;"

Now, knowing that the will of God and His greatest desire is to see you wholly sanctified in Him, prepared for His coming, and to also keep you from falling, why not trust Him to bestow that grace upon you? Why not surrender to His feet tonight and ask for His cleansing power, confessing all hidden sins and besetting sins that are dragging you down? Remember, it is His will for you, and He is faithful to do it, even right now, to begin the good work in you!

**May the good Lord help us all to receive this gift by grace and faith, and through it, be prepared for His great coming again in Jesus Christ's mighty name. Amen.**

We have come to the end of the Study. **God bless you all and have a  wonderful day, in Jesus Christ's name. Amen.**

## Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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