

## **A SANCTIFICATION PRAYER**

### **I Thessalonians 5:23**

**Paul demonstrates his passion by praying about sanctification?**

#### **I. PRAY FOR GOD'S GREAT IMPACT**

A. IN EVERY WAY HOLY: Now may God *sanctify* you

1. Sanctification is that process by which we increasingly put off sin and put on the Savior  
- See Ephesians 4:17-24 and Colossians 3:5-17
2. To be sanctified is to be wholly separated from the profane > See 5:21-22
3. To be sanctified is to be exclusively devoted and obedient to God > See I Peter 1:14-16

B. IN EVERY WAY AFFECTED: Now may God sanctify you *entirely*

1. Holiness in every area of one's life  
- Leaving nothing untouched
2. Consider some elements of holiness in life  
- What about our attitudes, conduct and commitments?

C. IN EVERY WAY YIELDED: Now may *the God of peace Himself* sanctify you entirely

1. The God of peace is literally the One who harmonizes
2. The God of peace puts the pieces together in ways that will please Himself
3. Recognizing that His goal is our holiness and not necessarily our happiness

#### **II. PRAY FOR GOD'S DESIRED OUTCOME**

A. THEIR BEING

- The goal is that holiness would touch specific areas of their lives

1. Spirit: That which relates to the heart - See I Thess. 5:8-10
2. Soul: That which relates to the emotions - See I Thess. 4:9-10
3. Body: That which relates to the physical - See I Thess. 4:3-5

B. THEIR BEAUTY: Preserved complete

1. Being and doing exactly what they were designed to do
2. Arriving undamaged in God's presence - See I Thess. 2:19-20

C. THEIR BLAMELESSNESS: Without blame

1. Without deficiency of fault - See I Thess. 3:13
2. Without censure > Not marked up
3. Worthy of being the standard and copied by others - See I Thess. 1:6-7

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**CONCLUSION:**

**We need to offer sanctification prayers whereby we ask God to make people holy**

1. Personally: Pray for you own and others sanctification
2. Practically: Pray but also pry!
  - If it's important enough to pray about, it's important enough to ask about
  - See I Thess. 5:14
3. Pastorally: Our greatest delight is seeing your growth in holiness - See I Thess. 2:13-14
  - We will pray for you and prompt you toward that end