



1 THESSALONIANS SERIES – 36
What A Way To “Say Good-Bye”!
1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

INTRODUCTION

REASSURANCE FOR THE FUTURE - 23-24 - His parting thoughts on the Lord

- Paul’s **CONCERN** is rooted in our need of holiness
“sanctify” – *hagiazō* - to set apart, separate, holy

Sanctification is the ongoing spiritual process by which God increasingly sets believers apart from sin and moves them toward holiness.

3 ASPECTS OF SANCTIFICATION:

1. Positional Sanctification - which was accomplished through Christ’s sacrifice at the moment of salvation. (1 Cor. 1:2, 30; 6:11; Heb. 10:10, 14; 13:12)

2. Progressive Sanctification - which is ongoing throughout life.
(2 Cor. 3:18; 7:1; Phil. 3:12-14; 1 Thess. 3:12-13; 4:3-8; 1 Pet. 1:15-16)

3. Perfect Sanctification - which will happen the instant we see the Lord. (1 John 3:2)

“completely” - *holos* - “whole, complete” and *telēs* - “end, finish”

“be kept blameless” - “be kept” – *tēreō* - “to watch over, guard, keep”

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; Jam 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

- Christ's **COMING** will bring it to completion – *“coming of our Lord Jesus”*
1 John 3:1-3
- Our **CERTAINTY** is based on God's faithfulness – 24
1 Cor. 1:9; 2 Th. 3:3

REACTIONS TOWARD THIS LETTER - 25-27 - His final words to the people

- **PRAYER** – *“brothers pray for us”*- Eph 6:18-20; Col 4:3; 2 Thess 3:1-3
- **AFFECTION** - *“Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss”*
Rom 16:16; 1 Cor. 16:20; 1 Pet. 5:14
- **READING** – *“I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers.”*

REALIZATION OF WHAT WE ALL NEED – 28 - His closing remarks on grace *“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”*

Gal. 6:18; Eph. 6:24; Phil. 4:23; 2 Thess. 3:18; 2 Tim. 4:22; Titus 3:15; Philemon 25; Heb. 13:25

3 Resources And Reminders To Help You Apply The Truths We've Learned In Our Study Of 1 Thessalonians:

Remember that...

1. ...we have in God's Word all the truth we need.
2. ...we have in God's Spirit all the power we need.
3. ...we have in God's family all the help we need to overcome the challenges we face.