

1 THESS. 5:23-28

FINAL WORDS

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE



LET'S TALK!

#1 GOD IS PEACE

- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23. What does it mean that God is the God of peace?
- Read Ephesians 2:13-22. Circle the word peace every time you see it, and discuss how Jesus brings peace both vertically and horizontally.
- Read Romans 5:1. Why is peace with God critical and why is Jesus the only One who can bring such peace?
- Why is peace with God necessary as we seek to live for God?

#2 GOD BRINGS PURITY

- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23 again. Paul says that the God of peace sanctifies and purifies Christians completely. What does the word "sanctify," or "sanctification" mean, and why did Paul pray for the church to be sanctified completely?
- Paul prayed that a Christian's "whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless" until the coming of Christ. Why did Paul pray this for the church and why is such purity so important for Christians?
- Why does Paul focus so much on the Second Coming of Christ in this letter, and why is living in light of Jesus' return so important for Christians.
- Someone once said, "Revival begins when Christians draw a circle around themselves and make sure everything is right with God in that circle." Do that today and ask, "Is there anything in my heart, mind, and life that isn't right with God?" As God reveals things to you, seek to make each aspect right with God.

#3 GOD FULFILLS HIS PURPOSE

- Read 1 Thessalonians 5:24 and compare it with Philippians 1:6 and 2 Timothy 2:10-13. Why is the God who calls us to Himself faithful to complete His work in us?
- Look at the phrase closely at the end of v. 24, "He will surely do it." What will He surely do and how can we be sure He will do it?
- Read and discuss 1 Thessalonians 5:25-28. Why was Paul so determined that this letter be read to all believers?
- What have you enjoyed in our study of 1 Thessalonians, and what is something specific God has taught you?