

I THESSALONIANS

Salvation and Sanctification by God's Grace

I Thessalonians 5:23-28

SANCTIFICATION AND SALVATION ENTIRELY BY GOD
1 Thessalonians 5:23-28 (NASB95)

23 **Now may the God of peace Himself** *[To set apart from sin to God.]*
 and **sanctify you entirely**
 and **may your spirit [be preserved]**
 and **soul [be preserved]**
 and **body be preserved**
 complete
 without blame
 at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

[Emphatic emphasis on what God Himself will do.]

and 24 **Faithful is He who calls you**
He also will bring it to pass

25 **Brethren pray for us**

26 **Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss**

27 **I adjure you by the Lord to have this letter read to all the brethren**

28 **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you**

[The believer's spirit, soul, and body will be preserved complete and without blame when resurrected/translated, glorified, and caught up to be with the Lord at the rapture of the church (Jn. 14:1-3; I Cor. 15:51-52; I Thess. 4:13-18).]

<p>I. WHAT THE FAITHFUL GOD OF PEACE WILL DO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Sanctify You Entirely B. Preserve Your Spirit C. Preserve Your Soul D. Preserve Your Body <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete 2. Without Blame 3. At Jesus' Coming 	<p>II. WHAT YOU MUST DO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Pray for One Another B. Greet One Another C. Read This Letter to One Another D. Ask for Grace for One Another
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- I. List some of the common things that you and others pray for each other. What can you learn for your own prayer life from the focus of the Apostle Paul's prayer for believers in vs. 23?
- II. In vss. 23 & 24, what is encouraging about the phrases below that relate to our growing and finally being perfected in sanctification/holiness?
 - A. "The God of peace Himself."
 - B. "Faithful is He who calls you."
 - C. "He also will bring it to pass."
 - D. If our sanctification depended on us, would Paul's words be just as encouraging? If not, why not?

- III. Why is vs. 23 very encouraging when it tells us that every believer will be:
- A. Sanctified.
 - B. Entirely sanctified.
 - C. Preserved in our spirit.
 - D. Preserved in our soul.
 - E. Preserved in our body.
 - F. Sanctified completely.
 - G. Sanctified without blame.
 - H. Sanctified at the rapture of the church.
- I. How might we sum up all the details of God's sanctifying every believer?
- IV. In vs. 25 the Apostle Paul says, "*Brethren, pray for us.*" Look at your own prayer life.
- A. How often do you pray for those who preach and teach you the Word of God?
 - B. How does praying for preachers and teachers become a blessing to your own soul and the souls of others?
- V. In vs. 26 we read, "*Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss.*" In what ways do we in our culture show love, kindness, care, compassion, and Christian fellowship with those in the local church? How can you improve in this area?
- VI. In vs. 27 we learned that "*the reading of Scripture*" is short for the reading, explanation, and application of the doctrines and truths in the Word of God. How can every believer in the local church help participate in and encourage the preaching and teaching of the Word of God?
- VII. In vs. 28 the Apostle Paul asks that "*the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with*" all believers.
- A. Why is this prayer request super encouraging?
 - B. List some of the things that are easy to take for granted that are included in the "grace of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Prayer Topics.

- Praise to God for saving us, reconciling us to himself through Christ so we now have peace with God and are no longer at enmity with Him.
- Praise to God for His three-fold, emphatic promise to sanctify every believer completely, entirely, & perfectly.
- Pray that Anchor Bible Church would be faithful to pray for those who teach them the Word of God.