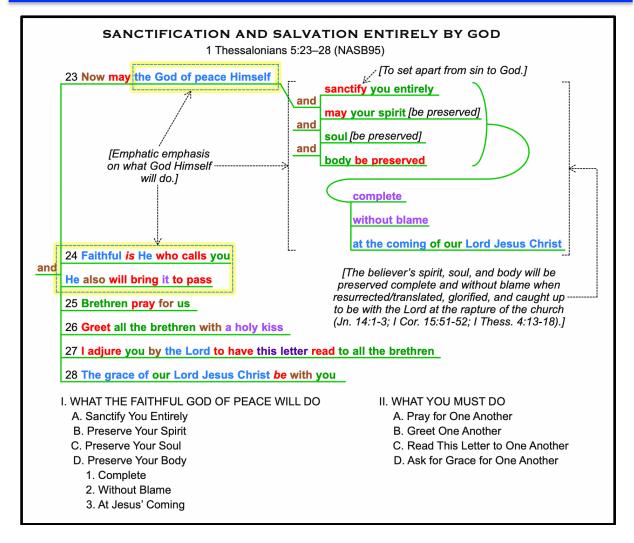
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Salvation and Sanctification by God's Grace I Thessalonians 5:23-28



- 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.