

FIRST THESSALONIANS

A Prayer for Entire Sanctification

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (NIV) ²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

I. The Nature of Sanctification

John 17:16-19 (NIV) ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

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1 Thessalonians 3:11-13 (NIV) ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

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Romans 6:13 (NIV) ¹³ Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

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Initial Sanctification

Hebrews 10:10 (NIV) ¹⁰ And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:14 (NIV) ¹⁴ because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

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Ultimate Sanctification

Philippians 3:21 (NIV) ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

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Entire Sanctification

Matthew 5:48 (NIV) ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

1 Peter 1:14-16 (NIV) ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

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Entire Sanctification

"Is a principle of grace savingly wrought whereby the heart becomes holy and is made after God's own heart. A sanctified person bears not only God's name, but His image."

II. The Source of Sanctification

Zechariah 4:6 (NIV) ⁶ So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

Ephesians 3:19-20 (NIV) ¹⁹ -that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

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Romans 6:19 (NIV) ¹⁹ Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness.

Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV) ¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

III. The Extent

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"The whole of each of you and every part of each of you."

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IV. The Components

“Body”

Dualism- the division of something conceptually into two opposed or contrasted aspects, or the state of being so divided.

"Since the body is the flesh and the flesh is unredeemed until glorification, don't worry about what your flesh does."

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1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 (NIV) ³ It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God;

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1 Corinthians 6:15-20 (NIV) ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh."
¹⁷ But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

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¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

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Galatians 5:22-24 (NIV) ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

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2 Corinthians 7:1 (NIV) ¹ Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

John Wesley- *“It is love governing the heart and life, running through all our tempers, words, and actions.”*

Ezekiel 11:19 (NIV) ¹⁹ I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.

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