

Not Yet Wholly Sanctified, But One Day We Will Be

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1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I. A prayer for now —“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly”

A. Similar to the way Paul closes other letters

Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Heb 13:21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Php 4:9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

B. It might seem that these at this church were already sanctified

1Th 1:3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

1Th 1:4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God.

1Th 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance...

1Th 1:6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

1Th 1:7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

1Th 1:8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

C. Yet Paul did not seem to think that they were already sanctified

1Th 3:5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.

D. Even when Timothy came back with a good report —Paul was still not satisfied

1Th 3:6 But now when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always...

1Th 3:10 Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

1Th 3:11 Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.

1Th 3:12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you:

1Th 3:13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

1Th 4:1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort *you* by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, *so* ye would abound more and more.

1Th 4:10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

1Th 5:11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

E. Paul continued to admonish for more and more

1Th 5:12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

1Th 5:13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.

1Th 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all *men*.

1Th 5:15 See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*.
1Th 5:16 Rejoice evermore.
1Th 5:17 Pray without ceasing.
1Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
1Th 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.
1Th 5:20 Despise not prophesyings.
1Th 5:21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
1Th 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil

II. A prayer for eternity —“and *I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*”

A. Jesus has made all He died for blameless

1. Beyond parole to pardon (forgiveness/remission)

Jer 50:20 ...for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

Luk 7:48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

Luk 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do...

Act 13:38 Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

Eph 4:32 ...even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Mat 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

2. Beyond pardon to redemption/ransom

Mat 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Heb 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

1Co 6:19 ...and ye are not your own?

1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price...

3. Beyond pardon to cleansed

Rev 1:5 ...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

1Co 6:11 ...but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Jer 50:20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be none*; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

4. Beyond pardon to no remembrance of sins

Isa 43:25 I, *even I, am* he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Heb 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

5. Beyond pardon to perfection

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Col 1:22 ...to present you holy and unblameable and unreprouable in his sight:

6. Beyond pardon to justification

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus...

Rom 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

Rom 8:34 *Who is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died...

7. Beyond pardon to glorification

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

B. In the end our whole spirit, soul and body will be preserved blameless

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

Joh 10:29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

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Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Rom 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1Th 5:24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

1Co 1:8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Co 1:9 God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Php 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

1Th 5:25 Brethren, pray for us.

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Eph 6:19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

2Th 3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you:

2Th 3:2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all *men* have not faith.

1Th 5:26 Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.

1Th 5:27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.

1Th 5:28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.
