

"Am I Holy?"

**1 Thessalonians & 2 Thessalonians
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C. The revelation of God requires that His children are found blameless at the Lord's return, (vs. 5: 12 – 28)

8. Blamelessness Is Only Accomplished By The Sanctifying Power Of Christ Unto The Last Day, (vs. 23 - 24)

Message Emphasis: Many today are not pursuing "sanctification" as God has prescribed; ONLY in Christ can the child of God be blameless (set apart) holistically; that is in every aspect of their lives. Am I truly being "sanctified?"

23.1) The Blamelessness Of Christ Puts Us At Peace With God *Not a process as much as a transformation...*

"Now May The God Of Peace Himself Sanctify (Aor.Act.Opt) Completely"

- Christ's divine nature is peace "God of peace" - *"For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,"*
- Christ's purpose is peace "Himself" - *"through him to reconcile all things... making peace by the blood of his cross."*
- Christ's affect is conformance in peace "sanctify" - *"once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,"*
- Christ's duration is thoroughly complete "completely" - *"if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister." (Colossians 1:23, ESV)*

How Do I Know? *"Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths (4th), for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the LORD, sanctify you." (Ex 31:13)*

23.2) The Blamelessness Of Christ Ensures Our Seeing God

"Whole Spirit...Soul...Body...Kept (Aor.Pas.Opt) Blameless At The Coming Of Our Lord"

- Christ's blamelessness must transform our nature towards God "Spirit" - *"...without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."*
- Christ's blamelessness must transform our emotions & will about God "Soul" - *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight...paths."*
- Christ's blamelessness must transform our physical body as evidence of loving God "body" - *"Bear fruits in keeping with repentance...Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."*

24.3) The Blamelessness Of Christ Is The Promise Of God

"He Who Calls (Pres.Act.Part) Is Faithful - He Will Surely Do (Fut.Act.Ind) It"

***** The Question Is Not What Must I Do? Rather, What Must I Do To Be Saved? *****

Loving Father Gentle Mother Obedient Child Gracious Neighbor Moral Citizen

Message Directive: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul; ONLY in Him can you be holy & set apart.

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other." (Isaiah 45:22, ESV)

1) "I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 2) Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 3) And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth." (John 17:15-19, ESV)

- 1) Do not think that sanctification is escapism or monasticism; Christ makes you holy where you are.
- 2) Do not think that sanctification is ONLY a personal matter; Christ makes you an example where you are.
- 3) Do not think that sanctification is secondary; it cost Christ His own life! Am I holy?

9. Blamelessness Is A Promise That Christ Himself Has Given To Those Who Believe Him, (vs. 24)

10. Blamelessness In Christ Is The Identifying Mark Of Those Who Love Christ & The Brothers, (vs. 25-26)

11. Blamelessness Is Not A Secondary Issue But Must Be Primary To The Call Of God's People, (vs. 27-28)

III We must pay much closer attention to why we must live with self discipline under God's word, (2 Ths. 1: 1-3: 18)

A. The wrath of God is a very present reality for those who do not believe the gospel, (vs. 1: 1 – 12)

B. The wrath of God is a very present reality governed by the ordained decrees of God, (vs. 2: 1 – 17)

C. The wrath of God is a very present reality that must be avoided even in its temporal aspects, (vs. 3: 1 – 18)