

1 Thessalonians 5:23 Explained

Questions Christians Ask

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SANCTIFICATION and HOLINESS

“The very God of peace sanctify you wholly (completely).”

Man was made in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26). This does not speak of appearance, but of the fact that, as God is a trinity, man also is a trinity.

- God is the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one (1 John 5:7).
- Man is **“spirit and soul and body”** (1 Thess 5:23).

The prayer of this verse is that God will enable us (believers), and we will enable God to preserve us entirely (spirit, soul, and body) in a state of holiness.

- The soul: sanctified forever.
- The spirit: sanctified at salvation, affected by sin, manifested in our actions (patience, mercy, kindness, longsuffering, trust, hope, faith, etc.) (Invisible sanctification).
- The body: sanctified at salvation, moved by the heart (the spirit) to do good or evil (visibly).

Sanctify: to set apart or to separate. (**From** something and **to** something).

Exodus 19:10-12, 23 **“Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it.”** (Don’t touch it, separate yourself from it).

“Go to the people, and sanctify them...and let them wash their clothes...” (vs 10).
Remove the filth from your life. This is part of sanctification.

Exodus 28:41 **“Sanctify them (Aaron and his sons), that they may minister unto me in the priest’s office).**
They are sanctified to have a closer relationship to God than the common Israelite.

1 Samuel 7:1 **“...and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.”** God wants sanctified people (set apart from the world) if they’re going to do any kind of work for Him.

Exodus 29:44 sanctified furniture.

Exodus 29:36 sanctified offering.

Exodus 31:13 sanctifying a day of the week

Joel 1:14 sanctify a time for fasting.

1 Sam. 21:5 sanctifying food for a special function.

1 Tim. 4:4-5 consecrating anything you eat.

Ezek. 20:12 sanctified Sabbaths.

Ezek. 27:28 God will sanctify Israel in the millennial kingdom.

John 10:36 Jesus Christ was sanctified; not made holy, but set apart for the work and service of God.

Jn 17:18-19 Jesus sanctified Himself, separated Himself from humanity so He could die on the cross for humanity so that. As a result, He would be able to sanctify anyone who believed on Him.

Heb 13:12 Jesus can sanctify sinners as a result of the shedding of His blood.

Heb 2:9-11 God the Father can sanctify me because I received Jesus Christ who died for every man. My sanctification is an act of God’s power which He performs in honor of His Son’s shed blood.

Heb 10:10-14 ¹⁰“...we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.”

¹⁴“**For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.**”

Rom 15:16 sanctified by the Holy Ghost the moment you are saved.

1 Cor 1:2 We are sanctified in Christ Jesus.

1 Cor 6:11 “...**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.**”

Eph 5:26 “**That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word.**”

John 17:17 “**Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**”

Lev 11:44 Although God already had sanctified His people, He also expected them to sanctify themselves and to be holy as God is holy. **1 Thessalonians 4:7** is the New Testament verse.

- God wants the people He sanctified when He saved them to look like it and act like it. He expects them to aim to be holy.
 - We must not take our directions on how to live from ungodly people in the world. We must get our instructions on holiness from the Holy Bible.
 - God’s priests were dressed better than everybody else.

2 Tim 2:19-21 God expects His sanctified saints to “**depart from iniquity**” (vs 19) so He can use them unto His honor. God sanctified you; now you need to sanctify yourself so God can use you.

- Examine your life. Are you truly set apart for God’s service? What worldly vice are you still clinging to? When people look at you do they see someone who is living for God?

Isa 5:15-16 “...**God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.**” You must do right if you want to represent a righteous God.

Sanctify yourselves (2 Chronicles 29:5, Lev 10:3, 1 Peter 3:15, Lev 27:14, 16, Deut 15:19, Joshua 3:5, 1 Sam 16:5, 1 Chron 15:16, 2 Chron 29:5, Exod 13:2, 19:10, 22, 40:11-13, Deut 15:19, 1 Chron 15:12)

Num 11:18 “**Sanctify yourselves against to morrow.**” Prepare your heart to serve and worship God tomorrow.

2 Chron 29:34, 30:17 The priests couldn’t get the work done in the house of God because many of them were not sanctified that should have been.

2 Chron 31:18 All the people, young and old sanctified themselves in holiness.

2 Cor 6:14-17 God’s instructions to Christians today: “**Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers.**” “**Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the LORD, and touch not the unclean thing...**” God took care of our soul forever. WE must do our part with the spirit today and separate ourselves from unrighteousness.

Lev 20:7-8 “**Sanctify yourselves**” (vs 7). “**I am the LORD which sanctify you** (vs 8).

God took care of your soul. Will you now cooperate with him concerning your spirit and your body?