

1 Thessalonians
Lesson 17

Women of Grace

Winter 2021

Final Prayer and Instructions
1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-28

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely,”

1. Who is the source of the power that gives believers the ability to obey all that God commands of us?

2. Does this fact in any way negate human responsibility to work out our sanctification? Why or why not?

3. Define the word *peace*.

4. What does it mean to have peace with God?

5. Do you have peace with God?

6. Define the word *sanctify* (hagiazō).

7. Is sanctification an Old Testament concept or a New Testament one?

“and may your spirit and soul and body be kept complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

“A sanctified person bears not only God's name, but his image”
Thomas Watson

1. What is the significance of the inclusion of the body in verse 23?

2. What does it mean to be “without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ?”

3. Read Ephesians 5:26-27. What do these verses teach us about Christ's desire for the church?

4. What do the following verses teach us about sanctification?

a. 1 Corinthians 6:11

b. Hebrews 10:10

c. Romans 12:1-2

d. 2 Timothy 2:21

“Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will do it.”

1. Map out the golden chain of redemption from Romans 8:28-30.

2. There are three elements to a believer's sanctification: positional (the past fixed aspect), ultimate (future aspect), and experiential (present). Find at least one verse that speaks to each aspect.

3. Why is understanding the faithfulness of God so important? What would it mean if God were not faithful?

“Brothers and sisters, pray for us. Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss.”

1. How does 1 Thess 1:2 connect to 5:25?

2. How does verse 25 connect back to verses 12 and 13?

3. In what ways should we pray for our elders?

4. What does a holy kiss represent?

5. What would a holy kiss look like in our church?

6. How might the application of verse 26 be influenced by James 2:1-13?

7. Why is it so important that we express loving affection for one another?

1. Why would Paul put them under oath to have the letter read?

2. What example does the public reading of this letter hold for the church today?

3. What word is used by Paul in the beginning and ending all of his epistles?

4. What do these verses teach us about the grace of God?

a. 2 Timothy 1:9

b. Titus 2:11-12

c. 2 Corinthians 12:8-9

d. Ephesians 4:7

e. Hebrews 4:16

f. 1 Peter 4:10

5. Sum up what Paul desires for the Thessalonians to do. Is this list any different from what we as a church are called to do today?

6. List at least one truth that you have learned, or came to a more mature understanding of through our study of 1 Thessalonians.



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