

Family Matters, Part 2
1 Thess. 5:23-28

1. Sanctification comes from _____ . (vv. 23-24)

As he prays for them, Paul tells us that God _____ sanctifies us.

That does not mean that we have no _____ to play in our sanctification. Far from it.

We _____ with God in our own sanctification by choosing to love Him and choosing to live according to His desires for us as commanded in the Bible.

We need to know _____ and His _____ in the Bible, more and more as we grow, in order to be able to love God in with our whole lives.

2. Put your dependence _____ on God. (vv. 25-28)

Paul shows his dependence by asking for their _____ for him and his companions.

He tells them to treat one another with _____ affection.

Commit to _____ the Word of God.

Depend on the _____ of God.

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Discussion Questions for the week of Jan. 8, 2023

Getting to Know Me

- What public figure during your lifetime do you admire most? Why?

- What is your favorite dish that your mother (or grandmother) made?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- How would you define, in your own words, the past, present, and future aspects of our sanctification as believers? What is God's role and what is our role in each of these aspects? (Hint: See Heb. 10:10, 14; Phil. 3:20-21; 2 Cor. 3:18)

- 1 Thess. 5:23 is the only place in the Bible that lists body, soul, and spirit in the same context. But there are other places in the Bible that come close, like Heb. 4:12 and Mark 12:30. For the most part, words for man's soul and spirit are used interchangeably in the Bible. This has given rise to a theological debate between dichotomists (cut into two parts) and trichotomists (cut into three parts). This may not be a resolvable debate this side of heaven, but which side do you lean toward? Why?

- What is the role of the Word of God, the Bible, as guided by the Holy Spirit in our sanctification? (Hint: See 1 John 5:3; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 2:2-3; John 14:26)

Application

- What have you learned about sanctification in this study that is different than you thought before now? What change might this make in your spiritual life?

- How will you change your Bible reading/studying routines as a result of this new understanding?