

"God Sanctifies!"

Selected Scriptures & I Thessalonians 5:23, 24

Introduction:

1 Peter 2:9

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

* ONLY GOD CAN MAKE US WHOLLY HOLY (Completely Sanctified)!

(In verses 23 and 24, we find a prayerful desire for God to do for us what we cannot do alone)

I. GOD'S PART IN OUR BEING SANCTIFIED IS A NECESSITY (v. 23) (We need God to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves)

A. WE MUST DEPEND UPON GOD TO SANCTIFY OUR ENTIRE BEING (v. 23a)

B. WE MUST DEPEND UPON GOD TO PROTECT EACH ASPECT OF OUR BEING (v. 23b)

God

Spirit

--Man's immaterial nature
(invisible)

Soul

Body

--Man's material nature
(visible)

II. GOD'S PART IN OUR BEING SANCTIFIED IS A CERTAINTY (v. 24) (We know that God will do for us what we cannot do for ourselves)

A. OUR CONFIDENCE IS BASED UPON GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

B. OUR CONFIDENCE IS BASED UPON GOD'S CALLING