

An Open Invitation

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1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

Sanctification is God's work. He sets apart the believer in Jesus Christ from the sinful patterns of their former life, empowering them to live lives that reflect His holy nature and purposes. The apostle Paul reminded believers that "It is God's will that you should be sanctified. . . . For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life" (1 Thessalonians 4:3, 7).

Sin by its very nature corrupts and destroys. The God of Peace brings reconciliation, healing, and a new power to live that holy life. His work is thorough, "through and through," that our "whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless." His work is an ongoing process that will only be finally completed "at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

What assurance do we have that God can and will do this? The Bible affirms, "The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it" (5:24). As we yield ourselves fully to "the God of Peace," He will do it.

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