

# Blameless in Holiness

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## **The Timeline of our Salvation:**

1.) The Cause is Justification

*"the acceptance with which God receives us into his favor as righteous men. And we say that it consists in the remission of sins and the imputation of Christ's righteousness." – John Calvin*

2.) The Means is Sanctification

*We can think of sanctification as the outworking of new life given at regeneration" – John Frame*

3.) The End is Glorification

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## **Understanding the Text:**

1.) So that.....

2.) ...he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness...

3.) ...before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

4.) Two Options For Man; Be Presented Blameless in Holiness or Be Judged in Sin.

*"Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly—and indeed you do bear with me. **2** For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. **3** But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ." (2 Corinthians 11:1-3)*

*"25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."* (Ephesians 5:25-27)

5.) This Verse Offers an Encouragement and a Warning

*"Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord"* (Hebrews 12:14)

6.) Not How We Are Saved, But How We Know We Are Saved.

*"8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."* (Ephesians 2:8-10)

*"We are saved by faith alone, but not a faith that stays alone."—Martin Luther*

7.) What Was Lacking was Not the Element of Love, But the Maturity of Love.

8.) Paul's Prayer was Answered. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

*"3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other"* (2 Thessalonians 1:3)

**Application:**

The Return of Christ is Our Greatest Hope