

Rest for the Weary

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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Big Idea: God Will Finish What He Started

1.) Paul's Benediction Offers Us A Proper Confidence (V. 23)

Read Verse 23.

A.) Paul Prays For Holiness

1 Thessalonians 2:10, *"You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe;"*

1 Thessalonians 3:13, *"so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father..."*

1 Thessalonians 5:5, *"You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness."*

1 Thessalonians 4:7, *"For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness."*

B.) Paul Prays for God to Sanctify Them Completely

C.) You and I Need to be Sanctified.

D.) Two Ways Our Passage Brings Relief:

i.) It Reminds Us That We Will Need to be Sanctified Until Christ Returns

ii.) It Reminds Us That Our Confidence is Not in Us.

2.) Paul's Benediction Offers Us A Powerful Certainty (V. 24)

Read Verse 24.

A.) Because God is Faithful

1 Corinthians 1:9, "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

Hebrews 10:23, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."

1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

James 1:17, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

B.) Because God is Calling

*Psalm 139:7-12, "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? **8** If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. **9** If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, **10** Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me. **11** If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me; **12** Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You."*

*Romans 8:29-30, "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30** Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified."*

Philippians 1:6, "being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;"