

# Faith, Hope, and Love – 1 Thessalonians 5:23-27

## 6/28/26

### Bible References:

1 Thessalonians 5:23-27  
Romans 3:23-26  
1 Thessalonians 4:3-6  
1 Corinthians 1:2, 6:9-11  
Romans 6:19  
1 Corinthians 15:9-10  
Hebrews 10:12-14  
2 Corinthians 5:21

### Sanctify in Systematic Theology

- Romans 3:23-26, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6

### Sanctify in the New Testament

- 1 Corinthians 1:2, 6:9-11, Romans 6:19

### Sanctified through and through

### Blameless

### God

- 1 Corinthians 15:9-10, Hebrews 10:12-14, 2 Corinthians 5:21

### Reflection Questions:

1. What are some odd or unusual things that you've seen happen at weddings?
2. Read 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:23-26.
3. Who in your group is most likely to try and literally apply v26 at small group?
4. What parts of that passage stand out to you or what questions do you find yourself asking about it?
5. On Sunday, we talked about sanctification. How did we talk about it in the context of justification and systematic theology's primary use?
6. On Sunday, we said that the New Testament uses sanctification in a practical sense and in a positional sense.
  - o Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 and Romans 6:19. (Please note the word that we translate as "Sanctify in chapter 5 is used in both passages. KJV translates the word sanctify in chp 4 while many other versions use a different word).
    - How is sanctify being used in these passages?
  - o Read 1 Corinthians 1:2 and 6:9-11. How is sanctify being used in these passages?
7. Re-read 1 Thessalonians 5:23. On Sunday, we said that Paul had a practical sanctification in mind here. Do you agree or disagree and why?
8. What does it mean to be sanctified "through and through"?
9. Is there an area of your life that you're resisting God's sanctifying work in? What is it? Why do you think you're resisting?
10. Re-read 1 Thessalonians 5:24. What did we say Sunday about what it means to be blameless?
11. Read all of chapter 5. List out all of the ways that Paul is calling the Thessalonians to practical sanctification. Does it feel overwhelming as you do this or as you consider your own life?
12. Who does Paul say the source of our sanctification and blamelessness is? How do you feel about that? Is it freeing to you? Do you really believe it?