

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

1 Thess 5:23-24

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read 1 Thess 5:23-24.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined>. Commands are double-underlined>. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

23a Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you

23b entirely;

23c and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved

23d complete,

23e without blame

23f at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24a Faithful is He who calls you,

24b and He also will bring it to pass.

1. What is the main theme of 1 Thess.? What did Pastor Bret say this book is all about?
2. What specifically is the “Now” linking back to? (What immediately preceded? A larger section immediately preceding? The whole book so far?) Why do you think this?
3. How does the “Now” connect this section with what preceded?

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4. What is the request in 23a?
5. Who is the one that is being requested?
6. Why do you think Paul described God as “the God of peace”?
7. Why is there an additional pronoun (“Himself”) in 23a? Why would Paul include this here?
8. What is the shift that takes place between vv. 12-22 and 23-24? Who is being addressed in these 2 sections? Why does Paul make this shift?

❖ Day 2

Read 1 Thess 5:23-24 again.

9. What does “sanctify” mean in this context?

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10. Who is the “you” in 23a? Why is this significant?
11. What is 23b doing? How is it modifying 23a?
12. What is the request in 23c?
13. Is 23c looking for something partial or something wholistic? How do you know?
14. What is Paul asking for in 23c when he requests the Thessalonians “be preserved”?
15. What kind of preservation is Paul looking for? (23d, 23e)
16. When is Paul praying this request be completed? (23f)

❖ Day 3

Read 1 Thess 5:23-24 again.

17. What is Paul highlighting in v. 24?

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18. What does it mean that God is faithful?

19. Why do you think Paul also describes God as “He who calls you”?

20. Why do you think Paul included v. 24?

21. What is the “it” in v. 24b?

22. What promise is being made 24b?

23. How would this promise bring comfort particularly to the Thessalonians?

24. What do these verses contribute to our theology?

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25. What do these verses contribute to your being equipped to disciple others?

26. How will these verses impact your thinking, affections, and living?

In preparation for Sunday, pray these verses for the congregation of SWBC.