

The Present Prayer

5:12-28 Our Destiny is *Different*

The Present Prayer 5:23-24

1Th. 5:23 Now *may the God of peace* Himself **sanctify you entirely** (*perfectly*); and may your spirit and soul and body **be preserved** (*passive voice—kept in that perfect state*) **complete** (*reconstructed*), without blame (***blameless***) at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Th. 5:24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

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May the God who gives us peace

make you holy in every way

spirit, soul, and body

and keep your whole being free from every fault

spirit, soul, and body

At the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

God the Father is Faithful and He will do it!

Make you holy in every way — NOW!

ὅλοτελεις

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completely mature—fixed and established (3:13)

ὅλο fully, wholly

τελεω the “goal”, perfection,

morally mature in every aspect

Spirit, Soul, Body

***... keep your whole being free from every fault—THEN!
At the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ***

ὅλοκληρον

your whole person

(mind, spirit, soul, life, body) — YOU!!

ὅλο fully, wholly

κληρον

bits of wood, parts, portions

5:12-24 Our Lives *Must* Be Different
The Exhortation

1Th. 1:10 ... to wait for his Son from heaven,
whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who
delivers us from (*out of*) **the wrath to come.**

1Th. 5:9 For God **has not destined us for wrath,**
but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus
Christ, **10** who died for us, *so that* whether we are
awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

παρακαλεω

to comfort, to encourage, to exhort

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παρακλησις

comfort, encouragement, “Paraclete”

5:12-13 Our Leaders

The Request

1Th. 5:12 But *we request of you*, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have **charge over you** (*stand before you and lead you*) in the Lord and give you **instruction** (*counseling*),

1Th. 5:13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. **Live in peace with one another.**

"I have discovered that a lack of respect (*regard*) for spiritual leadership is the main cause of church fights and splits."

Be Ready, p.16.

5:14-15 Each Other

The Exhortation ...

1Th. 5:14 We **urge** (*exhort*) you, brethren, **admonish** the unruly, **encourage** the fainthearted, **help** the weak, **be patient with everyone.**

1Th. 5:15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

Counsel Comfort Caring

5:16-18 God's Will

More Exhortation ...

1Th. 5:16 **Rejoice** always;

1Th. 5:17 **Pray** without ceasing;

1Th. 5:18 **Give thanks** in everything;

for this is *God's Will* for you in Christ Jesus.

1Th. 4:3 For this is the will of God,
your sanctification—that is,
that you abstain from sexual immorality

Psalm 107:8 "O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men."

*If we complained less, and praised more,
we should be happier, and God would be more glorified.*

**"Give us this day
our daily bread"** "Forgive us our trespasses"
"Deliver us from evil"

5:19-22 Growing by Knowing ***MORE Exhortation!***

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1Th. 5:20 **do not despise** prophetic utterances.

1Th. 5:21 ***But examine everything;***

hold fast to that which is good;

1Th. 5:22 **abstain** from every form of evil.

Deut 13:1-3 “If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you (*and speaks to you*) and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder comes true, but if when he spoke to you, he said, ***‘Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,’*** you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; ***for the LORD your God is testing you to find out if you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.***

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Paul's Desire is His Prayer

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HOLOKEROS!!!

5:25-28 The Postscript

Three Actions—One Attitude

1Th. 5:25 Brethren, **pray** for us.

1Th. 5:26 **Greet** all the brethren with a holy kiss.

1Th. 5:27 I adjure you by the Lord to have this letter **read**
to all the brethren.

1Th. 5:28 *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

“do not despise prophetic utterances”