

I Thessalonians 5:23 – “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

PRAYER FOR SANCTIFICATION

When you pray for sanctification, you are asking the Holy Spirit to complete what He started in you the instant you were born again. When you trusted in the sacrificial death of Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, the Lord declared you righteous. That was a judicial act. It can't be rescinded. From that time forward you are righteous in the eyes of God forever. That is what the Bible refers to as justification. What about when our actions are not righteous, when we sin? You remain righteous in the sight of God, because your righteous is imputed to you. That means righteous is declared to you or assigned to you because you trusted Jesus as your Savior from sin. There is another kind of righteous that is imparted. That means it is given or communicated to you. That is what the Holy Spirit does in sanctification. Paul prayed for complete sanctification. It is a progressive work resulting in the spirit, soul, and body being set aside to God and His will. We are made holy in what we think and what we do as our spirit yields to the Holy Spirit within us. This yielding will bring peace to you, because you are sanctified by the God of peace. We will not be perfected until we are resurrected with glorified bodies. Until then the prayer for entire sanctification is the best we can pray for while we are on earth. There is nothing that will bring you more peace than offering the God of peace your whole spirit, soul, and body. That is not a once for all decision. It is a daily one.