



Forever Faithful – *In Our Sanctification* 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (NIV)

May God himself, ..., sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

4 facts about sanctification:

- It is an inside work of the Holy Spirit.
- It is a life-long process of spiritual growth.
- God never leaves the work unfinished.
- Everything in our lives is a tool God uses to make us like Jesus.

Philippians 1:6 (HCSB)

I am sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

I. Our sanctification is God's idea.

"...He who started a good work in you..."

John 6:44 (NIV)

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him,

II. God is committed to finishing the job.

"He will carry it on..."

Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV)

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed — not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence — continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

III. The finished product will be the perfect likeness of Jesus.

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