

Living in Light of
CHRIST'S RETURN

Studies in 1 Thessalonians

God's Work in Progress

1 Thessalonians 5:23-28

Sanctification

The background of the image is a bright blue sky filled with soft, white clouds. A bright sun is positioned at the top center, with its rays shining down through the clouds, creating a lens flare effect and illuminating the scene.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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Zechariah 4:6

**“... Not by might, nor by power,
but by my spirit, saith the LORD
of hosts.”**

Colossians 1:29

“Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.”

Ephesians 3:20

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us ...”

John 17:17

**“Sanctify them through thy truth:
thy word is truth.”**

Romans 6:19

“... for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.”

1 Peter 5:10

“But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.”

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- 3. Sanctification affects your entire being.**

Philippians 3:13-14

“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ...”

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“I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

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- 4. Sanctification is assured by the character of God, and He will finish His work.**

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