

HE Will DO IT!!

1 Thessalonians 5:23-28
Luke 2:41-50
1 Peter 5:1-11



He Came to Do the Father's Business (Luke 2:41-50)

- Psalm 40:7-8 (Hebrews 10:7-9)
 - ★ MEDITATE on Psalm 139:16.
- Christ's "food" was to DO the Father's will. (John 4:34)
 - (John 5:30) He did not come to do His "own thing!"
 - What is our food? (Matthew 7:21; 1 John 2:17)
 - Job **treasured** God' Word more than his **necessary** food. (Job 23:12; Psalm 119:11)
- What was the will of the Father? (John 6:38-40)



Paul Prays (1 Thessalonians 5:23-28)

- See 1 Thessalonians 1:2. (Colossians 2:1)
- Paul preached, prayed, and worked.
 - Paul practiced what he preached! (Romans 12:12; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 1:9; 4:2; Philippians 4:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)
- We need to pray for each other. (See v. 25)

**DO YOU PRAY FOR YOUR BROTHERS and SISTERS?
DO WE LABOR IN PRAYER FOR EACH OTHER?**

To Whom Did Paul Pray (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

- "the God of Peace"
 - The Sovereign God who gives and takes peace.
 - The One who brings PEACE between men and Himself.
 - He is the "Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6)
 - God – in Christ Jesus – reconciled the world to Himself!
 - Because of God (not ourselves) we now have peace with God.
 - We were born ENEMIES of God. (Romans 5:10)
 - While we were YET enemies GOD made peace with us by sacrificing

His own son (shedding His own blood). (Acts 20:28; Romans 5:1)

- Christ came into the world to glorify God and to bring God's peace to His people. (Luke 2:14)

- Our message today is: "BE RECONCILED with GOD!" (2 Cor. 5:19)

Either one is AT PEACE with God or he is God's Enemy!

• "the One who sanctifies" (Leviticus 21:8)

- "to sanctify" -
 - ① Chosen by God. (1 Thess. 4:7; 1 Peter 1:15-16)
 - ② Separated from sin. (Romans 6:22)
 - ③ Separated unto God.
 - ④ Set apart for a **PURPOSE** and **WORKS**. (Eph. 2:10)
 - ⑤ Equipped by God.

- We have already been sanctified – Hebrews 10:10; Ephesians 1:4.

- But sanctification is a PROCESS that takes a life time that we PARTICIPATE in! See 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1; 1 John 3:3.

- In between Hebrews 10:10 and 2 Corinthians 7:1 we have **Hebrews 10:14**.

• "perfected" – PERFECT TENSE. Done once and never to be repeated again.

• "being sanctified" – PRESENT TENSE – a continual action.

- **GOD's GOAL** in sanctification: For us to be conformed into the image of Christ. (Romans 8:29; 1 John 3:2; Ephesians 4:13)

★ THIS IS GOD's GOAL.

- **GOD's STANDARD**: Perfection. (Matthew 5:48)

- (1 Corinthians 1:30) Christ IS our RIGHTEOUSNESS and our HOLINESS.

★ NOTE: "By Him [GOD] we are in Christ . . ."

- EVIDENCE of REGENERATION:

- Christ commanded (He did not suggest or ask) that we CONTINUALLY REPENT of our sins. (Mark 1:14-15)

- REPENTANCE is the pursuit of holiness and righteousness.

(Hebrews 12:14; 1 Timothy 6:11; 2 Timothy 2:22; 1 Peter 1:15-16; 1 John 2:28-3:10)

- REPENTANCE is turning from living your life according to what you believe to be right to living strictly in accordance with the **written** Word of God. Anything less is NOT repentance but sin.

- **PAUL's EXAMPLE**: Philippians 3:12-14 —

① "I press on."

② "I forget the past and reach forward."

③ "I press toward the goal."

ARE YOU BEING PERFECTED?

• "the One who PRESERVES"

- (Romans 8:29-30) EVERYONE called is glorified!

- (John 6:38-39) EVERYONE given to the Son the Son will raise up on the last day. He promises not to lose ONE!

- (John 10:28-30) We are KEPT in the Son's and the Father's hand.
- (John 17:11-15) Jesus prayed to the Father that the Father KEEP them safe!
- (1 Peter 1:4-5) We are KEPT by the POWER of God.
- (Philippians 1:6) GOD will finish HIS work! (Ephesians 2:10)
- The LORD preserves HIS OWN. (Psalm 31:33; 37:23-24; 97:10; 103:17-18; 145:20; Proverbs 2:8)
- Only those who are "in Christ" are preserved! (Jude 1, 24)
- **"the One who CALLS"**
 - God's call is based on a PROMISE (a covenant).
 - (Romans 8:29-30) ALL who He has FOREKNEW (chose) and PREDESTINED (predetermined) to be conformed into the image of His son – He calls!!
 - ALL that He calls will be JUSTIFIED (declared righteous) and GLORIFIED.
 - God calls us based on HIS grace – NOT on anything we do. (1 Peter 5:10; Galatians 1:15)
 - God calls us based on HIS purposes – NOT on anything we do. (2 Timothy 1:9)
 - He has called us out of DARKNESS into His marvelous LIGHT. (1 Peter 2:9; Colossians 1:13)
 - He has called us to holiness, not uncleanness. (1 Thess. 4:7; 1 Peter 1:15-16)
 - His calling is His "drawing." (John 6:44)
- **"the faithful One – the Promise Keeper"** (v. 24; 1 Corinthians 1:9)
 - His faithfulness is GREAT. (Lamentations 3:23)
 - He does not and cannot LIE. (Numbers 23:19)
 - What God says He always does! (Isaiah 46:9-10; **14:24, 27**)
 - What God starts He always finishes! (Psalm 138:8; Philippians 1:6)

HE IS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH!

Hebrews 12:2

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(Not me!)