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Main Point

Because God is faithful to His promises,
we can be surely assured that He will
sanctify us completely and will preserve
us blameless until the end.

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Paul's emphasis was clearly
upon God as the one who must do
this work of sanctification.

What is sanctification?

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1 Thessalonians 4:3

For this is the will of God,
your **sanctification**.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

God has chosen you from the beginning
for salvation through **sanctification**.

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John 6:69

“We have believed and have come to know
that **You are the Holy One** of God.”

Our holiness required the touch
of the Holy One.

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1 Peter 1:15

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Because God made you alive
and because it is His life in you,
you can now live for Him by the
power He gives to you.

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Just as God will sanctify you entirely,
so He will preserve you certainly!

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It is God who will preserve
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preserve and protect yourself,
and this is a matter of faith.

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He will sanctify you *entirely*.

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May God Himself sanctify you **entirely**.

May God sanctify you **through and through**.

Philippians 1:6

For I am confident of this very thing,
that He who began a good work in you
will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

God is at work in every part of you,
cleansing and purifying every aspect
of your life for His good purposes.

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He will sanctify you entirely.

He will preserve you *blameless*.

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What amazing hope we can have knowing that God will not leave any blemish or stain or impurity but will present us without spot or wrinkle in perfect holiness.

Ephesians 5:25-27

Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,
so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her
by the washing of water with the word,
that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory,
having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing;
but that she would be holy and blameless.

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God's faithfulness is the
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upheld by His omniscience,
His power, and His goodness.



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The certainty of your sanctification
is entirely due to the perfection
of the Person who promised it.

What God promises,
He is able also to perform.

Conclusion

Are you working for your sanctification
in dependence upon God?

Are you drawing upon His power
or your own?

Are you resting in the assurance
of your salvation and laboring in
the hope of your redemption?