

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT
LESSONS 6&7: CONTROLLING YOUR SOUL TO
CONTROL YOUR DESTINY
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➤ **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24**

- Verse 24: God IS Faithful to Do what He Promised
 - To Develop the Whole Man: Spirit, Soul & Body
 - Life is a product of the Decisions we make daily
- *“Obviously, God Wants to control your soul and determine your destiny – but not directly. He wants you to train your soul to be in subjection to your spirit, so you can live a truly Spirit-led life. In other words, if the Holy Spirit, through your spirit, can control your soul then the will of God will be your destiny.”* – Mac Hammond – from his book: Soul Control, page 2

I. Sanctification: Separation to God

- a. Not a partial sanctification: WHOLE
 - i. Spirit
 - ii. Soul
 - iii. Body
- b. The born-again experience regenerates the Spirit being to a brand new being
 - i. 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - ii. Titus 3:5
- c. There still must be a sanctification of the Soul
 - i. To be blameless: without guilt – Romans 8:1
 - ii. Knowing our righteousness cleanses guilt
 - 1. 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - 2. Romans 4:21-25
 - a. Abraham believed God
 - 3. Hebrews 12:2
 - a. Looking unto Jesus: The Author & Finisher of our Faith
 - b. Jesus will stay with you all the way through

- iii. 1 John 2:28 = a parallel scripture to 1 Thessalonians 5:23
 - 1. We see Jesus in His fullness, Jesus Christ the Lord, through the Gospels
 - 2. Abiding in Jesus is the key to a blameless (guiltless) life: John 15:4-7
 - 3. Confidence: Hebrews 4:16
 - a. Grace is found in our confidence (faith) at the Throne of Grace
 - b. Ephesians 2:8
 - c. Earth life is just our beginning
 - d. Earth life is a place of learning

II. Jesus Will Establish You to the End

- a. 1Cor. 1:7 [*Amplified Classic Version*] That you are not [*consciously*] falling behind *or* lacking in any special spiritual endowment *or* Christian grace [*the reception of which is due to the power of divine grace operating in your souls by the Holy Spirit*], while you wait *and* watch [*constantly living in hope*] for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ *and* [*His*] being made visible to all. (1Co 1:8) And He will establish you to the end [*keep you steadfast, give you strength, and guarantee your vindication; He will be your warrant against all accusation or indictment so that you will be*] guiltless *and* irreproachable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).
- b. Jesus, The Word of God, John 1:1-5, 14; will sanctify us if we allow Him
- c. Our part is in Verse 7: “not falling behind”
 - i. Gifts = endowment of power
 - ii. 1 Corinthians 12 [the Administrations of the Holy Spirit]
 - iii. The Gifts of Jesus: Ephesians 4:11
 - iv. The Gift of Grace: whatever God’s Favor Supplies
 - v. The Gift of Righteousness: Romans 5:17
- d. Soul Control
 - i. The Mind
 - 1. The capacity to reason
 - 2. The ability to understand

3. The ability to evaluate, consider information in order to come to a decision
 - a. Primary imports of information:
 - i. The body: the 5 physical senses
 - ii. Your Spirit (the Heart of Man)
 - iii. Hearing, seeing
 - ii. The Emotions
 1. Decisions made through emotions lead to: GOD HELP ME! [Peter walking on the water]

III. Two Realms of Truth

- a. Spiritual Truth
 - i. The written Word of God's Covenant Truth
 - ii. The spoken Word given through the Holy Spirit, delivered by the 5-fold Ministry and the Gifts (Administrations) of the Holy Spirit
 1. Is this always the Truth and how do we sort this out to be the Truth?
 - iii. 2 Corinthians 5:21
 1. Spiritual Truth = the born-again believer IS the Righteousness of God in Christ
 - iv. 2 Corinthians 1:30 = already available to us
 1. Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, Redemption
 2. Having the Mind of Christ to think in terms of God's Covenant Word & the ANOINTING of the Holy Spirit
- b. Physical Truth
 - i. "it's raining outside" (facts)
 - ii. "there's pain in the body" (facts)
 - iii. Spiritual Truth is always higher: Supersedes the facts
 1. Elijah stopped the rain for 3 years

IV. Fully Redeemed

- a. Galatians 3:13

- i. Redeemed from the Entire Curse
 - ii. Deuteronomy 28:15-67 is a list of the entire Curse we are Redeemed from
- b. Redemption does not mean we can be disobedient or in ignorance and have the redemption to be automatic in our life
- c. We have the responsibility to the redemptive act of Jesus to receive
- d. Psalm 91 = God's umbrella of protection is found in our obedience to God's Covenant Word