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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

**1 Thess. 5:23-24** *May God Himself, the God of peace, 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. (NIV)*

The word sanctify is such an amazing word. The Greek term is **agiasai** which means *to make holy, consecrate and set apart*. Paul is making reference here to this process that takes place at salvation and continues on through the remainder of our lives. We are *positionally* sanctified at the point of our salvation and we are continuously sanctified in the presence of the Father. When we are saved, all of our sins: past, present and future, are removed because they were placed upon the spotless, sinless Son of God. He paid the sin debt for us. And as we continue to walk in the midst of a fallen, sinful world, He sees us as clean and whole and useful.

The very next section reminds us that He has sanctified us completely. Unlike us, the LORD never does something half-way. He is perfect in every way. His work of sanctification is full and complete and done. And Paul goes on to encourage us with this truth by saying that our whole spirit, soul and body will be kept blameless. The word blameless doesn't mean sinless. There are none that are sinless. We have all sinned and fallen short of God's mark of perfection. But what it does mean is that we are blameless because our sins were transferred to the only One Who was without sin. **2 Cor. 5:21** *God made Him Who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. (NIV)* And we will be kept blameless so that when Jesus comes again, He will welcome us into His presence. Now here is the best part: ***The One Who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.*** This is the best guarantee that you will ever receive. When God says it, it is done! What a burden is lifted for us. We can now walk in His presence and abide in His Spirit. Praise be to You, the One and only true God!

**Dear LORD, thank You for taking my blame, paying for my sin, and setting me apart through and through. Help me this day to shine Your light and share Your love to this dark and sinful world. In Jesus Name, Amen**