

**LIVING IN LIGHT OF CHRIST'S RETURN**  
Text: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28                      May 31, 2015

**INTRODUCTION**

- As God's children, we must live holy as He is holy.
- Only God Himself can empower you to live a Holy life as you anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ.
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-28 reveals 3 stages in how God empowers His People to live holy lives.
  - I. The Promise of God to His People (5:23a,24)**
    - A) The source of sanctification—God Himself (5:23a)
    - B) The scope of sanctification—His work (5:24)
  - II. The Work of God in His People (5:23b)**
    - A) Sanctification secures our standing.
    - B) Sanctification ensures our progress.
    - C) Sanctification guarantees our future.
  - III. The Presence of God through His People (5:25-28)**
    - A) Praying for one another (5:25)
    - B) Encouraging one another (5:26)
    - C) Growing with one another (5:27-28)

**CONCLUSION**

- **Four Takeaways from this passage.**
  - 1) God has taken special interest in you.
  - 2) The time to get serious about your personal holiness is now.
  - 3) Recognize that God is sanctifying others also.
  - 4) Nothing is accidental.