

**ALIGNING WITH THE WILL OF GOD #3**  
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**REVIEW:**

- All to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.
- All to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- All to maintain a spirit-filled life.
- Our sanctification

**CONTINUE – 1 THES. 5:23 HCSB**

- 1.) Complete sanctification involves our spirit, soul, and body.
- A.) The spirit must be born again, the soul must be renewed, and the body must be a living sacrifice (**ROM. 12:1-2**).
- B.) Preserved blameless: **1 COR. 1:8 NIV, EPH. 1:4 NIV, 1 THES. 2:10 NIV, TITUS 1:6-7 NIV, PS. 15:1-2 NIV, 2 PET. 3:11-14 NIV** “Make every effort”.

2.) Why the effort?

- A.) **MT. 18:7-9 NLT** In Saudi Arabia, Deera Square (also known as Justice Square and Chop Chop Square) is a place of public execution. First-time offenders (drunk on streets, steal a piece of fruit) were whipped. Adulterers (beheaded). Repeated robbers (hand cut off), then cauterized in a vat of boiling oil. Results-there’s no organized crime, rape is almost unheard of, theft is once in a blue moon, and crime is the exception, not the rule. Spiritually speaking, Jesus agrees. “Chicago”.
- B.) **HEB. 6:4-6** Fall away means apostatize. Apostasy is the rejection of Christ by one who has been a Christian.

- Once enlightened – under conviction. To shed light, rays.
- Tasted the heavenly gift – to eat or experience.
- Partakers of the Holy Ghost – A participant, associate.
- Tasted the good word of God – eat or experience (**JER. 15:16**).
- Powers of the world to come. Powers is Dunamis. They tasted or experienced God’s miraculous power.

If they apostatize (reject) Christ after becoming a Christian) it’s impossible to renew (restore to a former condition). This is the sin unto death (**1 JOHN 5:16**). Why? They recrucify Christ to themselves and openly shame Him. To go back to Judaism, they had to renounce Christ and His Messiahship.

- C.) **HEB. 10:26-31** The warning continues.
- Sanctified means made holy or purified (**1 COR. 6:9-11 NIV**).
  - **HEB. 10:38-39** Perdition is a state of damnation and eternal punishment.
  - Draw back (5289 apostasy).

**Conclusion:** God wills our sanctification and cleansing. His will is to crucify our flesh and cleanse ourselves from the filthiness it offers us (**2 COR. 7:1**). Maturing in holiness involves foot washing, not taking another bath.

- **JOHN 13:8-10** The dusty walk got their feet dirty.
- **1 JOHN 1:7-9** Even the saved can walk in darkness if they don’t crucify the flesh and exercise dominion over sin (**ROM. 6:12-14 KJV, NLT, MSG**). Jesus taught that sin must be dealt with radically: sever it, amputate it, cut it off, gouge it out. Why was He so radical about it (**MT. 5:30, 10:38**)?
- **ROM. 8:1-2** Condemnation is from the devil, conviction is from God. It’s like a shock collar helping us to walk in the spirit and not fulfill the desires of the flesh.