

In First Thessalonians chapter five the Apostle Paul prayed for the believer's spirit, soul and body to be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus. Notice the word kept, or preserved, is used in this passage. This implies an accomplished fact, once you are born again.

However, God will never violate our right to think and act as we choose. Therefore, the process of sanctification of which Paul speaks is not completely passive. The believer has to apply himself to the task of crucifying the flesh, while relying on the indwelling Holy Spirit to empower him.

Being reminded of these elementary truths, dear friends, we will get to the main point. You may have noticed that holiness today is very much neglected, and many a professing Christian is not even aware of how this can impact his life and eternal destiny.

However, it is not always ignorance of what the Bible says that gives ground to the enemy. One can also aid the devil in his deceptive work if he pushes scriptural truth beyond what is revealed.