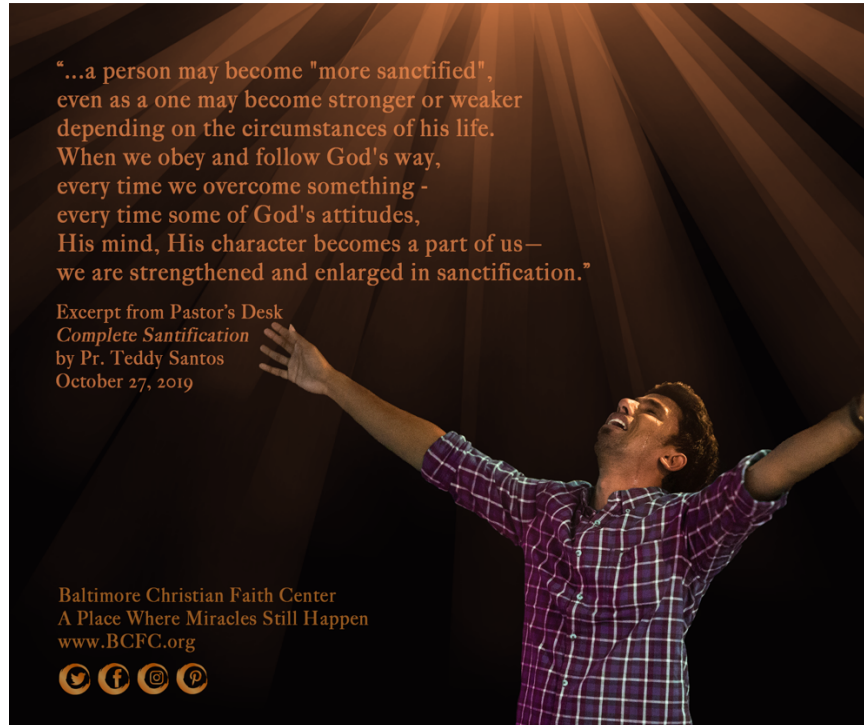


# Complete Sanctification

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**1Th 5:23** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**G**od does not need to be persuaded to help us become sanctified. Yet, is not Paul saying that we are not completely sanctified? "May the God of peace Himself sanctify you *completely*"!

We can never be "more pardoned" and "more justified" than when we first believed and were forgiven. We do not grow in justification; one cannot become more justified than before. It is impossible to be more justified than when one is justified and declared righteous by the blood of Jesus Christ.

However, a person may become "more sanctified", even as a one may become stronger or weaker depending on the circumstances of his life. When we obey

and follow God's way, every time we overcome something - every time some of God's attitudes, His mind, His character becomes a part of us—we are strengthened and enlarged in sanctification. But not in justification, as that would be an insult to the spirit of grace, to think that we could ever be more justified than when declared righteous based on Christ's righteousness. Then we would be giving ourselves credit for our great works, showing we are deceived to the *n*th degree.

May the God of Peace, sanctify us to the fullest!

At His service,  
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