I Thess. 5:23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and **soul and body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Citation 18: Bible, Section 6:

**Sanctify** - *hagiazo* in Greek which means “to render or acknowledge, or to be venerable or hallow; to separate from profane tings and dedicate to God; to consecrate things to God; to purify; to cleanse externally; to purify by expiation – free from the guilt of sin; to purify internally by renewing of the soul.

**Wholly** – *holoteles* in Greek which means “perfect, complete in all respects; complete to the end; absolutely perfect – wholly.” (Thayers 3651)

“through and through;” the Apostle’s desire is that the sanctification of the believer may

extend to every part of his being” (Vine’s Expository Dictionary of the NT).

**Soul** is *psyche* in Greek which means “breath; the breath of life; the vital force which animates the body of men, animals, and shows itself in breathing; life; a living soul; the seat of the feelings, desires, affections, the heart, the soul, etc.; an essence which differs from the body and is not dissolved by death.” (Thayers 5594).

**Body** is *soma* in Greek which means “is "the body as a whole, the instrument of life," whether of man living, e.g., or dead,  or in resurrection, [1Cr 15:44](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/1corinthians/15/44/s_1077044); of the heavenly hosts, [1Cr 15:40](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/1corinthians/15/40/s_1077040). In its figurative uses the essential idea is preserved.

Sometimes the word stands, by *synecdoche*, for "the complete man," [Mat 5:29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/matthew/5/29/s_934029); [6:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/matthew/6/22/s_935022); [Rom 12:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/romans/12/1/s_1058001); [Jam 3:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/james/3/6/s_1149006); [Rev 18:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/revelation/18/13/s_1185013). Sometimes the person is identified with his or her "body," [Act 9:37](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/acts/9/37/s_1027037); [13:36](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/acts/13/36/s_1031036), and this is so even of the Lord Jesus, [Jhn 19:40](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/john/19/40/s_1016040) with [42](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Bible.cfm?b=Jhn&c=19#42). The "body" is not the man, for he himself can exist apart from his "body," [2Cr 12:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/2corinthians/12/2/s_1090002), [3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/2corinthians/12/3/s_1090003). The "body" is an essential part of the man and therefore the redeemed are not perfected till the resurrection, [Hbr 11:40](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/hebrews/11/40/s_1144040); no man in his final state will be without his "body," [Jhn 5:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/john/5/28/s_1002028), [29](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/john/5/29/s_1002029); [Rev 20:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/revelation/20/13/s_1187013).

The word is also used for physical nature, as distinct from *pneuma*, "the spiritual nature," e.g., [1Cr 5:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/1corinthians/5/3/s_1067003), and from *psuche*, "the soul," e.g., [1Th 5:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/1thessalonians/5/23/s_1116023). "*Soma*, 'body,' and *pneuma*, 'spirit,' may be separated; *pneuma* and *psuche*, 'soul,' can only be distinguished" (Cremer).

It is also used metaphorically, of the mystic Body of Christ, with reference to the whole Church, e.g., [Eph 1:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/ephesians/1/23/s_1098023); [Col 1:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/colossians/1/18/s_1108018), [22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/colossians/1/22/s_1108022), [24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/colossians/1/24/s_1108024); also of a local church, [1Cr 12:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/kjv/1corinthians/12/27/s_1074027). (Vine’s Expository Dictionary of NT).

**Preserved** is *tereo* in Greek which means “to keep, to guard, to preserve, watch.”

**Blameless** is *amemptos* which means “blameless, so that there is no cause for censure; faultless,

Ps 42:2 My soul thirsteth for God.

**Soul** is *nephesh* in Hebrew. It doesn’t mean the same thing today as it did then. For the Hebrews it had a variety of meanings, but in general it stood for the individual, the whole person and what makes him or her unique; so it is better translated by some such word as “life, self, being.” The NEB reads, “With my whole being I thirst for God.”