

Holy Whole – 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The One who called you is completely dependable. If he said it, he'll do it! The Message

Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful. NLT

Holy Whole is God's new creation vision for making the most of me, myself, & my brokenness.

Holy – set apart, different; implies an ethical dimension; typically involves an internal reformation of the human soul that becomes evident in one's external life.

>> Isaiah 6.1-8

Whole – the biblical idea of peace; biblical peace is more than absence of conflict, tension, anxiety, or war; peace is well-being, thriving, flourishing.

>> Wholeness doesn't mean that everything gets fixed this side of the new creation. Wholeness means that everything – all our stuff – is held together in God's hands, and in his grasp even our brokenness finds wholeness.

>> Wholeness solves dividedness by aligning all that we are with the Kingdom.

>> Holy Whole in 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Holy whole starts with the **God of peace**, who desires peace with you and peace for you. [Luke 1.79 and 2.14]

God "**himself**" actively works to bring us the peace of being holy whole.

Holy whole brings **change**: My surrender + God's grace = Sanctification

Holy whole means **thorough** change. Change described as completely/entirely/wholly. The word for completely means "fully layered wholeness."

Holy whole means thorough change in **all of me**. Are you "all in" with the Lord? God wants to reach into every part of you and touch you with his holiness and wholeness so that you'll be holy whole in every part of you. Spirit, soul, body means all of me—all in!

Holy whole means I'm **kept blameless**. Guarded/watched/preserved.

Holy whole is **work God does** for me. It's grace! God calls us to be holy whole, & God "manufactures" holy whole out of the raw materials of my life. Key word: Faithful!