

Philippians 4:21-23

Outline for Congregation

Greetings

These greetings bring to a close a letter characterized by affection, mutual esteem, partnership, and joy

1. Greetings to: *Saints*
2. Greetings from:
 - a) *Brothers*
 - b) *All the saints – especially those of Caesar's household*

Final blessing: *grace*

Questions for reflection this week:

1. Christianity teaches that human beings have a real problem with sin but that the gospel of Jesus Christ can truly transform us. Do you have a harder time believing you are a sinner or that you could be a saint? Why?
2. If you are part of a church you are part of a family. How should that inform your expectations? Interactions?
3. For Paul, knowing God is about knowing the grace of Jesus Christ, and that is the root of the joy he keeps mentioning in Philippians. Where do you lack joy in your life? Consider God's grace and how it might inform that area.
4. Do you truly believe God is gracious? Does your life reflect a deep belief in the kindness and mercy of God? How would your life look different if you were more full of the grace of Jesus Christ?