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Series: Philippians: Triumphant, Tenacious, Battle-Tested Joy

Title: The Gratitude & Greeting Built On God's Grace

Text: Philippians 4:14-23



INTRODUCTION

Note: In these closing verses, Paul models godly gratitude and thanksgiving for the gift that the Philippians had sent to him.

I. THE GRATITUDE AND GREETING BUILT ON GOD'S GRACE

Philippians 4:14-16 -

1) Like the Philippians, may our love, passion, zeal, and generosity for the work of God, for the spread of the gospel, for the birth of new churches NEVER DIMINISH!

(Acts 1:8)

Philippians 4:17-19 -

2) It is truly more blessed to give than to receive! WHY??? Because God takes care of His children; God honors the cheerful, sacrificial giving of His people; God provides and blesses us "according to" (not out of!) His glorious, eternal riches; and we receive ALL of this care, ALL of this blessing, ALL of this provision IN (because of) JESUS!

(Acts 20:35b; Proverbs 19:17; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Philippians 4:4; Hebrews 13:15-16)

Philippians 4:20-23 -

3) This is arguably the GREATEST ENDING to any of Paul's letters!

Greatest Privilege: God is your Father and you are a part of His eternal glory! (verse 20)

(John 20:17)

Greatest Identity: Those "in Christ" are saints ("set apart"); we belong to God! (verse 21)

(Philippians 2:12b-13)

Greatest Family: You're not alone! Greet your brothers/sisters like you mean it! (verses 21-22)

(Romans 12:10)

Greatest Movement: The Gospel is unstoppable! (verse 22)

(Revelation 5:9-10)

Greatest Certainty: Jesus died so that you would know and experience His grace. (verse 23)

(1 Corinthians 15:10)

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. How did Paul view the gift that the Philippians had sent to him? What did he say about it?
2. How should the Philippians' attitude and generosity influence our own thinking?
3. Why is it more blessed to give than to receive? What does verse 19 teach us about God?
4. What does the word "greet" mean? Why does Paul mention it three times?
5. Why would it have been encouraging to know that there were believers in Caesar's household?