

I. The servants: Paul and Timothy

A. Paul is writing to the church he started

*map showing Philippi

B. Paul is writing as a prisoner in chains

C. Paul is joined by his coworker Timothy

D. Paul displays an attitude of joy

“Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice!” (Philippians 4:4)

E. Paul & Timothy consider themselves servants of Christ

1. A servant is willingly surrendered to Christ

“For me to live is Christ.” (Philippians 1:21)

2. A servant is ever obedient to Christ

II. The saints: believers in Christ

*picture of saints at St. Peter’s Cathedral

A. A saint is one who believes in Christ

*picture of Lydia

B. A saint is set apart to belong to God

*picture of slave girl

C. A saint is united with other saints in Christ

*picture of guard

*picture of all three of the saints together

D. A saint is called to live a holy life in an unholy world

*pictures of ancient Philippi

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world, but that you protect them from the evil one.” (John 17:15)

E. A saint is called to live in submission to spiritual authority

III. The blessing

A. God gives us the gift of grace

1. We are saved by God's grace

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

2. We are strengthened by God's grace

"But he said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

B. God gives us the gift of peace

1. We can enjoy peace with God

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:1)

2. We can enjoy peace with others

"Make every effort to live in peace with all men." (Hebrews 12:14)

3. We can enjoy peace of mind

"And the peace of God which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7)