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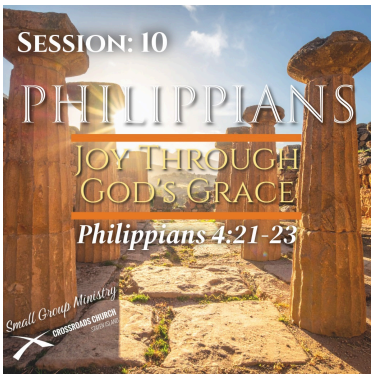
About Session 10:

Please Read:

Memory verse:
"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."
(Philippians 4:23)

Paul concludes his letter to the church of Philippi the way the Christian life should actual be: with a combination of people and with God's grace. There is no deep theological understanding of end times, no dramatic discourse on prayer, no last warning thundered from the page. Instead, a prisoner in chains passes along greetings — believer to believer, — and closes with the one word that has carried the whole letter: grace. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit" (v. 23). The same grace that opened Philippians — "Grace to you and peace" (1:2) — is its final word. How fitting because true joy is the result of God's grace.

Consequently, these concluding verses are significantly important to the book and should not be considered as unnecessary information. "Greet every saint in Christ Jesus" (v. 21) — every one, as family; in Christ Jesus, no believer is a stranger and none is beneath notice. And notice who sends greetings back: "especially those of Caesar's household" (v. 22). While Paul sat chained, the Gospel had quietly slipped into the palace of Nero himself. Grace had reached the most unlikely people in the most unlikely place on earth. That is where this letter take us: joy is never finally found in circumstances or comfort. It is found in Christ — received by grace, shared among His saints, and carried with us all the way home.



Before You Watch:

+ ***Discuss this statement: The Christian life begins with grace and ends with grace — in Christ, nobody is a stranger, and nobody is beyond grace's reach.***

BRIEF OVERVIEW | Philippians 4:21-23

The conclusion of Philippians — and of our series — is no afterthought. Greetings that honor every saint, news that grace has reached into Caesar's own household, and a benediction that ends the letter where it began: with grace. The joy we have traced from a prison cell to a learned contentment comes finally to rest in the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Watch Video

1. Treat people right (v. 21)

"Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you."

2. Think about the impact of grace (v. 22)

"All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household."

3. Trust in God's all sufficient grace (v. 23)

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit."

Discussion Questions:

Question 1: Paul says he "learned" to be content (vv. 11–12) — both in being brought low and in abounding. Which is harder for you in this season: having too little or having plenty? What is God teaching you through your current circumstance, and what would it look like this week to draw on Christ's strength (v. 13) rather than waiting for your situation to change?

Question 2: The Philippians were the only church that partnered with Paul "in giving and receiving" (v. 15), and he calls their gift "a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God" (v. 18). How does giving to God's work loosen the grip of discontentment on our own hearts? Where is God calling you to give this week — money, time, or encouragement — trusting that He will supply every need of yours (v. 19)?

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