

Philippians 4:20-23

Glory and Grace

From Paul ...

I. Review

- A. A Thankful Apostle
- B. Inspired by the Holy Spirit
- C. To God's Precious People

II. Conclusion

- A. Spiritual Greetings
- B. From the Saints
- C. And a Good Word

III. Debriefing

- A. What Have We Learned?
- B. How Have We Changed?
- C. Where Will It Take Us?

... with love in Christ.

Children, Listen ...

1. Paul wrote this letter to the Philippian church, but Who directed his thoughts?
2. We read about "saints" in the Bible. What makes a person a saint?
3. Where in Philippians do you find the wonderful passage about Jesus and His work?
4. Is there a verse in Philippians that is special to you? How about trying to memorize it!

A Return on the Word

Paul initial purpose for writing to his partners in the work of the Gospel may have been to express appreciation for the gift they sent in support of his ministry, but it certainly turned out to be far more than that. This is no average thank you note! In our expository series in Philippians we have discovered in the apostle's letter profound doctrinal truths, gained more understanding of Paul himself, received moral instructions, practical direction, inspiration to persevere in the faith and great encouragement in the Lord. We were treated to one of the most profound confessional statements regarding the person and work of Jesus Christ ... and then we were exhorted to embrace for ourselves the attitude of humility that He displayed. After four chapters and 39 sermons we might ask ourselves what we have learned and how reading the Word and hearing it preached has changed us over the past year. The Word speaks for itself and it will not return void. The onus on the preacher is to present the texts faithfully and clearly. But for positive change to take place in our lives the reading and preaching of the Word must be attended by two things: The work of the Holy Spirit and a willing heart. Has the Holy Spirit helped you grow through your course in Philippians? Have you received and embraced what was taught and applied God's truth appropriately to your life? I trust that, by the grace of God, you have found this series to be profitable. There would be a great time to read this brief letter beginning to end to refresh your memory with the wonderful, life changing truths that God has provided for us in this wonderful letter.