

PHILIPPIANS

JESUS OUR JOY

A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of May 2, 2021

Saints in Christ Jesus

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Philippians 4:20-23](#)

²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

²¹ Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me greet you. ²² All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar's household.

²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

For Further Discussion....

- Endings of a message often summarize and reiterate the heart of that message. What **big themes** does Paul hit as he **concludes this letter** to the Philippians?
- What is **glory**? What is Paul **saying about God** when he ascribes eternal glory to Him? (20)
- What is Paul communicating in this **final greeting** (21)? Why do you think these **connections are so precious** to Paul?
- Who might be the **saints of "Caesar's household"** (22)? Read [Philippians 1:12-14](#) for some insight.
- This recognition of believers embedded in the household of Caesar is a witness to the **subversive power of the Gospel**. The powers of this world don't stand a chance! The Kingdom often advances in quiet, unexpected ways, one person at a time. Can you share examples of how **you trust God's Kingdom is advancing, upending the things we often trust for security, approval, confidence, and success** in this life?
- Paul signs off his letter boasting in the **nearness, sufficiency, and authority** of Jesus Christ (23). How have **you needed the grace** of Jesus Christ this week? How have **you had to trust the sovereign control** of Jesus Christ this week?
- **Pray together** in light of this week's passage.

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