

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for April 5-6, 2003

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"Paul's Final Words to the Philippians"

Philippians 4:21-23

The word "saint" (HAGIOS) means "set apart one." A saint is someone who has been set apart from sin unto God for holy purposes.

What can we learn about saints from Philippians 4:21-23?

We learn how people become saints from a biblical perspective.

People will not become saints through their so-called good works (Romans 3:10-12).

People only become saints from a biblical perspective when they can be described as being in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:21).

People become saints not by performing good works but rather by exercising faith in Christ alone for their salvation in order to be found in Him (Philippians 3:7-10).

Only those who are saints in Christ Jesus are able to say that they are truly free.

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We learn about our special bonds with fellow saints.

Paul in specifically highlighting the greeting from the loyalists in Caesar's household, who had become saints, impressed upon the Philippians the power of the gospel to bring about change.

We learn about our continuing need for God's grace.

We do not only need the grace of God to become a saint in Christ Jesus but we also need the grace of God to live like a saint in Christ Jesus.

We should be proud to be called an American but we should be even more proud to be called a saint in Christ Jesus.