

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from March 3-4, 2001**

**The Epistle of Joy, Part 2**

**Observing the text**

Read Acts 9:13 and write out a definition of a saint.

Identify the saints in Philippi that are named in Acts 16:11-34.

How should a church view their elders according to 1 Timothy 5:17?

Why are deacons so important for the functioning of the church based on Acts 6:1-6?

**Applying the sermon**

Can a person be saved without "being in Christ?" Please explain your answer.

Does a person need to be formerly recognized by the church as a saint before he can be considered a saint?

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Who were the first saints individually identified in Philippi (Acts 16:11-40)?

How do their individual stories demonstrate the grace of God in salvation?

How does your story demonstrate the grace of God in salvation?