

The Sweetness of Camaraderie in Christ

#50 GREETINGS and GRACE between Christians Philippians 4:20-23

Introduction

Philippians 4:21 GREET every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren 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.

#1 Camaraderie through _____

- 21** GREET every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you.
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1st Greetings to each believer _____

21a Greet every saint in Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:2 those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling

Mark 8:38 "For whoever is ashamed of Me the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy [SAINT] angels." Mark 1:24 "...Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One [SAINT] of God!"

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Colossians 1:27b Christ in you, the hope of glory.

2nd Greetings from the ministry _____

21b The brethren who are with me greet you.

3rd Greetings from the _____ at Rome

22a All the saints greet you,

4th Greetings from the new _____ in Caesar's household

22b especially those of Caesar's household.

#2 Camaraderie through God's life-transforming _____

Philippians 4:23 *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.*

1st The _____ of Grace

23a *The grace of ... Jesus Christ*

2nd The _____ of Grace

23b *The grace of the Lord*

Philippians 2:9 *God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

3rd The _____ power of Grace

23c *be with your spirit.*

2 Corinthians 5:8 *... to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.*

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 *we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

#1 Do you GREET believers like they are family in order to enjoy them as family?

#2 Are you a _____? Set apart for God and living for God's purposes?

#3 Are you bound with BELIEVERS in ministry, as a TEAM?

#4 Have you received God's amazing _____?

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE CHANGE

1. What happened to common courtesy in the realm of greeting people you pass by or meet at random?
2. What is the expectation of God for Christians in how they greet, meet, and interact with non-Christians?
3. How is the greeting of Christian to Christian to be uniquely different, special, or better than a believer greeting a lost person?
4. What should the greeting of a Christian to Christian be in the context of a church gathering?
5. Christians are SAINTS—what difference should that make in how we view ourselves and view others?
6. What unique practical difference should being a Saint make in my ministry and service to others?
7. Why is God's grace so important, and how should God's grace make a difference in my everyday lifestyle?
8. What do you think it will be like to be in heaven IN SPIRIT, and how will that change when I get my glorified body?
9. How is it that Christians are uniquely bound to each other spirit to spirit?
10. What will be your greatest takeaway application from these closing verses, and why?

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