

“All the Saints Greet You, Especially Those of Caesar’s Household”

Scripture Reading: *Philippians 1:12-18*

- A. Don't carelessly read right over the end of Paul's letter to the Philippians—there were saints in Nero's household!
- B. If there can be saints in Caesar's household, there can be saints anywhere, anytime.

I. The Background of Philippians 4:22

- A. Paul is in prison (*Philippians 1:12-14*)

- B. The gospel is powerful! (*Romans 1:16*)

II. Who is a saint?

- A. Literally, “a set apart one.” Similar to “holy” or “sanctified.”
 - 1. *Psalm 116:15; Acts 8:3; 9:13; Philippians 1:1*

 - 2. Saints are people who have obeyed the gospel — *Acts 2:47, 37-39*

 - 3. Saints are called out of darkness to live in the light — *1 Peter 1:13-16; 2:9*

- B. But the life of a saint is not easy.
 - 1. Old Testament examples
 - 2. New Testament examples
 - a. *Revelation 2:13* — *Pergamum... “where Satan’s throne is.”*
 - b. *Acts 13:1-2* — *Manaen... “a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch.”*
 - c. Nero and his household

- C. The bottom line? You can be a saint right here, right now.