



Paul's Greeting to the Philippians
Philippians 1:1-2

I. Paul reminds the Philippians of his overall **mindset towards Gospel ministry. (1:1a)**

- A. He mentions Timothy is with him.

- B. Paul declares that they are servants (or bond slaves) of Christ Jesus.

II. Paul greets the **entire Church in Philippi. (1:1b)**

Paul's church planting ministry with the Philippians – Acts 16

- It began with God redirecting their plans – 16:6-10
- It included fruitfulness in Gospel ministry – 16:13-15; 31-34
- It included miraculous demonstrations of God's power – 16:16-18; 25-29
- It included opposition and unjust suffering – 16:19-24; 1 Thessalonians 2:2
- It included an abrupt departure – 16:35-40
- Paul stopped again in Philippi on his final journey to Jerusalem – 20:6
- This church financially supported Paul – Phil. 4:15

- A. Paul declares that they are “saints” or “holy ones.”
- B. Paul declares the basis for their status as “holy ones” is because of their position “in Christ Jesus.”
- C. Paul specifically greets their church leadership team.

III. Paul gives a customary yet **theologically full greeting. (1:2)**

- A. Paul mentions God’s grace towards them.
- B. Paul mentions God’s peace towards them.
- C. Paul declares that God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ are One in the same.

Application

- 1. Have the mindset of “a servant of Christ Jesus.” Boast in Christ Jesus and not in yourself.**
- 2. Rejoice in your position as a “holy one in Christ Jesus.”**
- 3. Rejoice in God’s grace and peace that comes through Jesus Christ.**