

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for March 3-4, 2001

The Epistle of Joy

Philippians 1:1-2

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The Saints

The word "saint" (HAGIOS) is the noun form of the verb sanctify meaning "to separate or set apart."

Christians are saints because they are "in Christ Jesus."

Being "in Christ Jesus" means that we have been joined to Christ and share His life (1 Corinthians 12:12-13).

People tend to live lives consistent with who they believe they are (Proverbs 23:7).

Philippi had special distinctives

Philippi's resources: Gold and silver

Philippi's location: Top of the Aegean Sea.

Philippi's founding: 368 BC by Philip of Macedon.

Philippi's status: A Roman Colony

The birth of the church at Philippi is recorded for us in Acts 16:11-40.

Lydia was the first convert to Christianity in Europe along with her household (Acts 16:14).

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A second possible convert to Christianity individually identified was a demon possessed slave girl who had been delivered by Paul (Acts 16:16-18).

The Philippian jailer became the third convert to Christianity individually identified.