SSS 4 **29 November 2026**
Text: Philippians 1

1 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ,
To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:1-2

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

"Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ"
Philippians 1:1a

1. It was no longer

    a) Paul and Silas

    b) Paul had many other partners

2. New Team

    a) Paul and Timothy

    b) Timothy was with Paul and Silas

    c) He was not arrested and jailed with Paul and Silas

    d) Timothy was not unknown to the Philippian Church

3. How they portrayed themselves

    a) As "bondservants"

    b) Literally "slaves"

    c) They were bondservants of the Lord Jesus Christ

THE CHURCH AT PHILIPPI

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:
Philippians 1:1b

1. Saints

   a) Meaning

      i) The righteous ones

      ii) The holy ones

   b) Doctrinal Concept

      i) OT terminology

      ii) "A holy people" to the Lord Deuteronomy 7:6

      iii) We have God's righteousness imputed to us

      iv) We are Justified by faith Romans 5:1

2. The Growth of the Philippian Church

   a) They now had "bishops" (elders)

   b) And "deacons"

   c) It was not a fairly large and organized church entity

COMMON APOSTOLIC GREETINGS

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:2

1. Grace and peace

2 Sources
Both God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!