

Paul's Letter of Joy

Greetings From the Heart

Philippians 4:20 - 23

THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE
PHILIPPIANS

Thanksgiving

1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants
of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who
are in Philippi, including the overse-
ers and deacons:

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

3 I thank my God in all my
remembrance of you,

4 always offering prayer with joy
in my every prayer for you all,

5 in view of your participation in
the gospel from the first day until
now.

6 For I am confident of this very
thing, that He who began a good
work in you will perfect it until the
day of Christ Jesus.

7 For it is only right for me to
feel this way about you all, because I
have you in my heart, since both in
my imprisonment and in the defense
and confirmation of the gospel, you
all are partakers of grace with me

13 so that my imprisonment in the
cause of Christ has become well
known throughout the whole praeto-
rian¹ guard and to everyone else,

14 and that most of the brethren,
trusting in the Lord because of my
imprisonment, have far more courage
to speak the word of God without
fear.

15 Some, to be sure, are preaching
Christ even from envy and strife, but
some also from good will;

16 the latter *do it* out of love,
knowing that I am appointed for the
defense of the gospel;

17 the former proclaim Christ out
of selfish ambition rather than from
pure motives, thinking to cause me
distress in my imprisonment.

18 What then? Only that in every
way, whether in pretense or in truth,
Christ is proclaimed; and in this I
rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice,

19 for I know that this will turn
out for my deliverance through your

your love
more in
ernment,
prove the
1 order to
til the day

to shame in anything, but
boldness, Christ will even now, as
always, be exalted in my body,
whether by life or by death.

To Live Is Christ

21 For to me, to live is Christ and
to die is gain.

22 But if *I am* to live *on* in the
flesh, this *will mean* fruitful labor for
me; and I do not know which to
choose.

23 But I am hard-pressed from
both *directions*, having the desire to
depart and be with Christ, for *that* is
very much better;

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A warm, golden-brown scene featuring two plush teddy bears. The bear on the right is hugging the bear on the left from behind. To their right sits a small, wrapped gift box with a red ribbon. Above them, a string is stretched across the frame with four items hanging from it: a pink letter 'L', a pink heart, a dark brown letter 'V', and a pink letter 'E'. The background is a plain, light brown wall.

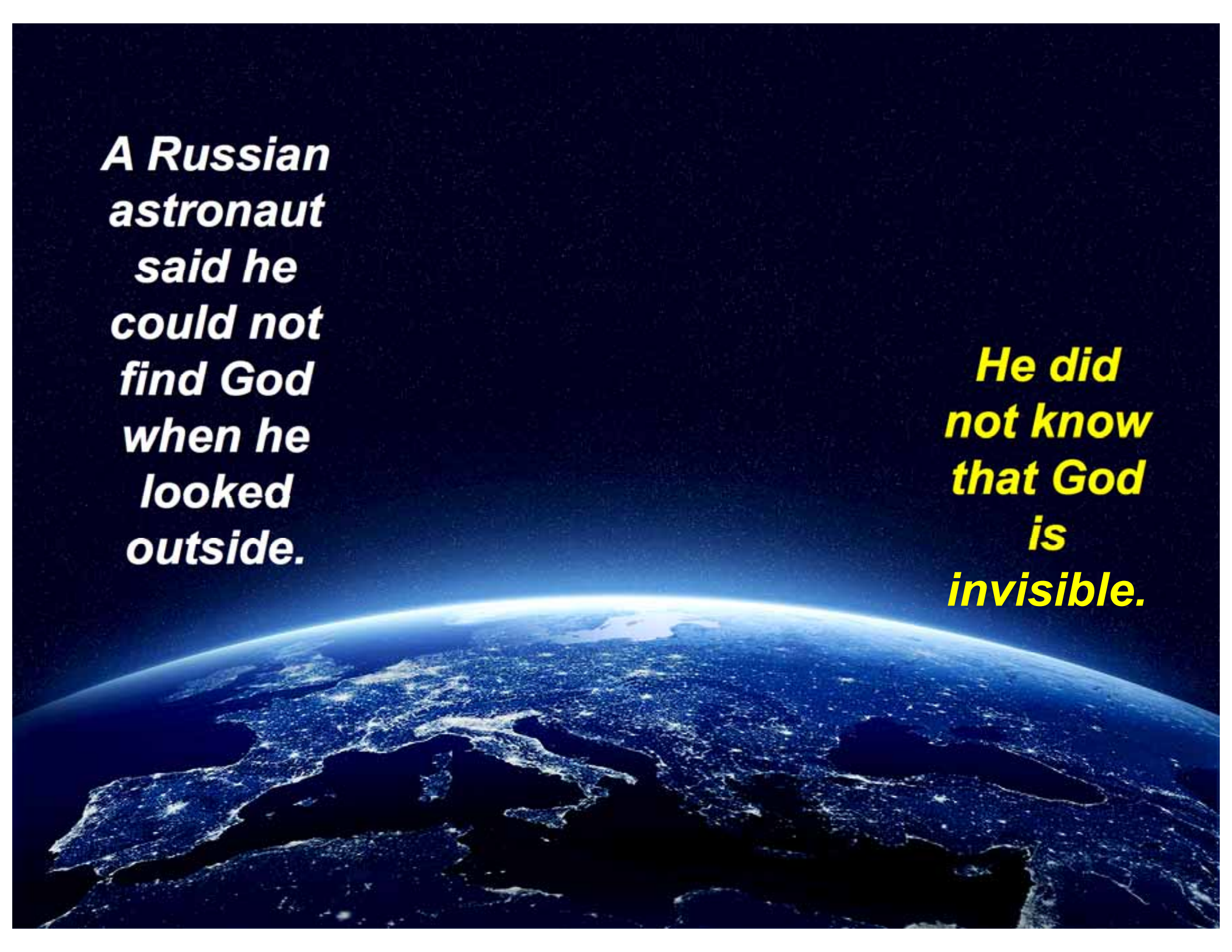
**Hugs –
Expression
of Love**

Now to Our God and Father

Philippians 4:20

Did Paul refer to two different people?

- **God**



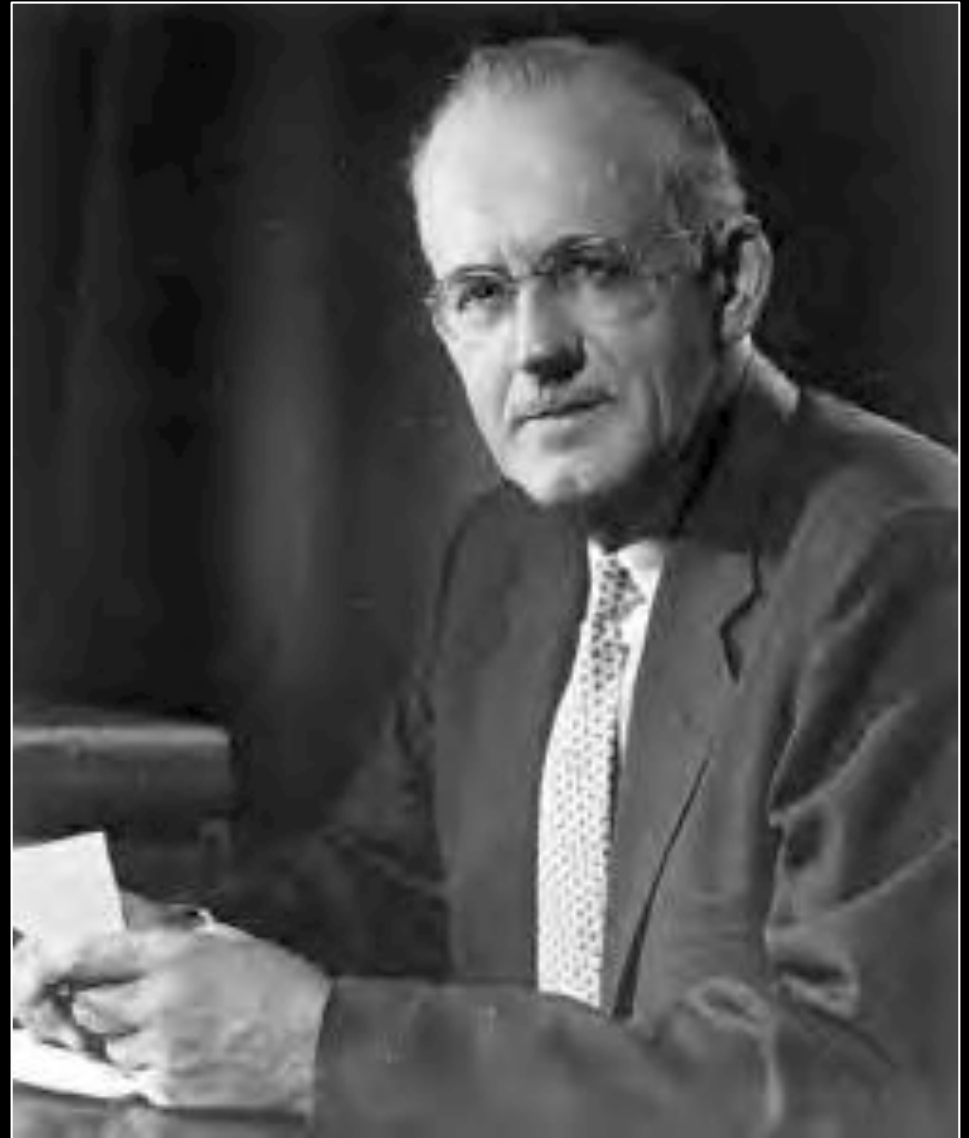
***A Russian
astronaut
said he
could not
find God
when he
looked
outside.***

***He did
not know
that God
is
invisible.***

A. W. Tozer

***(April 21, 1897 –
May 12, 1963)***

***Knowledge
of the Holy***



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- ***Father***

13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him* so that we may also be glorified with *Him*.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God.

20 For the creation was subjected

20 in the same way the Spirit helps our weakness; for we know how to pray as we show the Spirit Himself intercedes with groanings too deep for

27 and He who searches knows what the mind of the because He intercedes for according to *the will of God*

28 And we know that all things to work together to those who love God, to are called according to *H*

29 For those whom *H* He also predestined to formed to the image of that He would be the first many brethren;

30 and these whom tined, He also called; and He called, He also just whom He justified, *H*

31 What then shall things? If God is against us?

32 He who did not

Be The Glory

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*... be the **glory** ...*

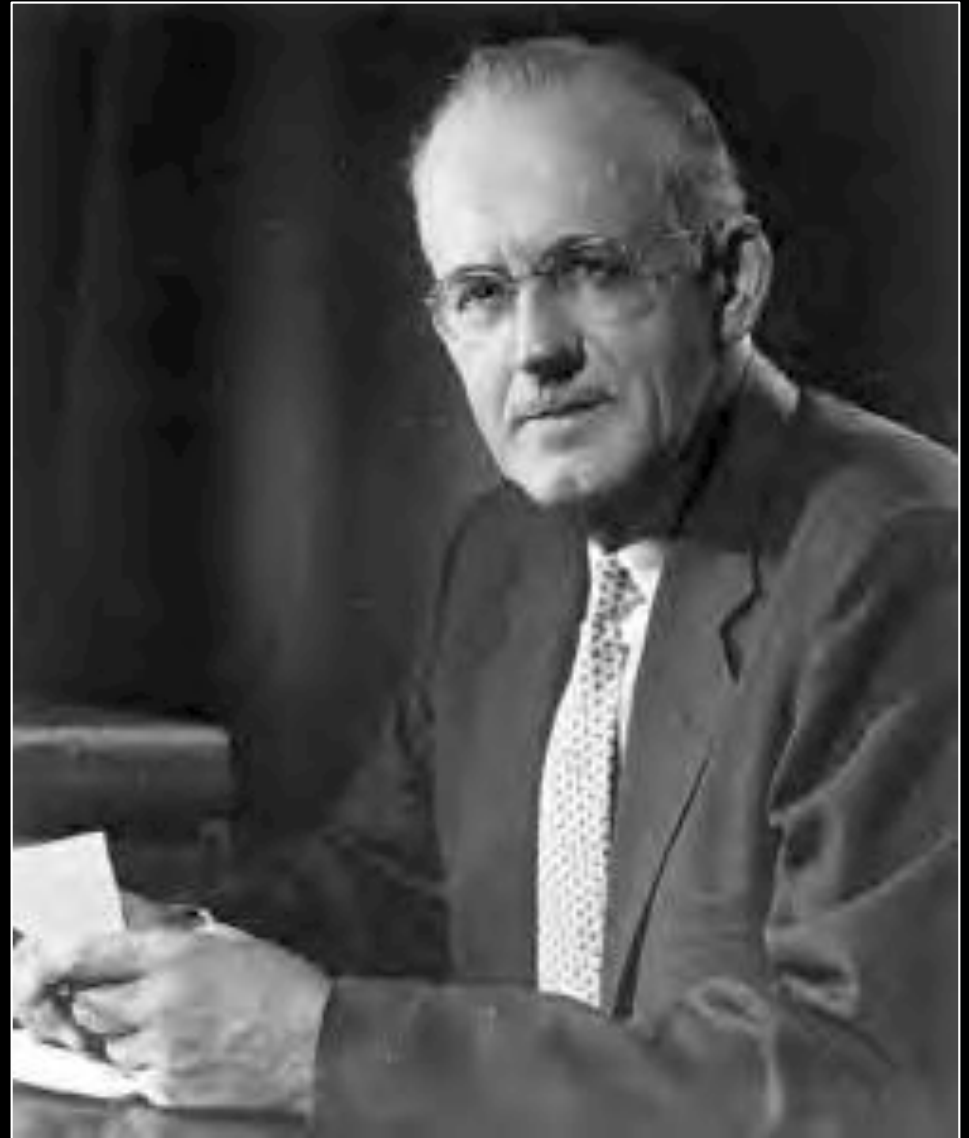


doxa = “glory, praise”

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Greet Every Saint In Christ

Philippians 4:21 - 22

Greet every **saint** in Christ . . .



hagioi = “holy ones”

Thus says the Lord, “Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,” declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 9:23 -24

One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 22:36-39

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.

Matthew 16:24

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aspazomai = “to welcome, to salute, to receive joyfully”

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

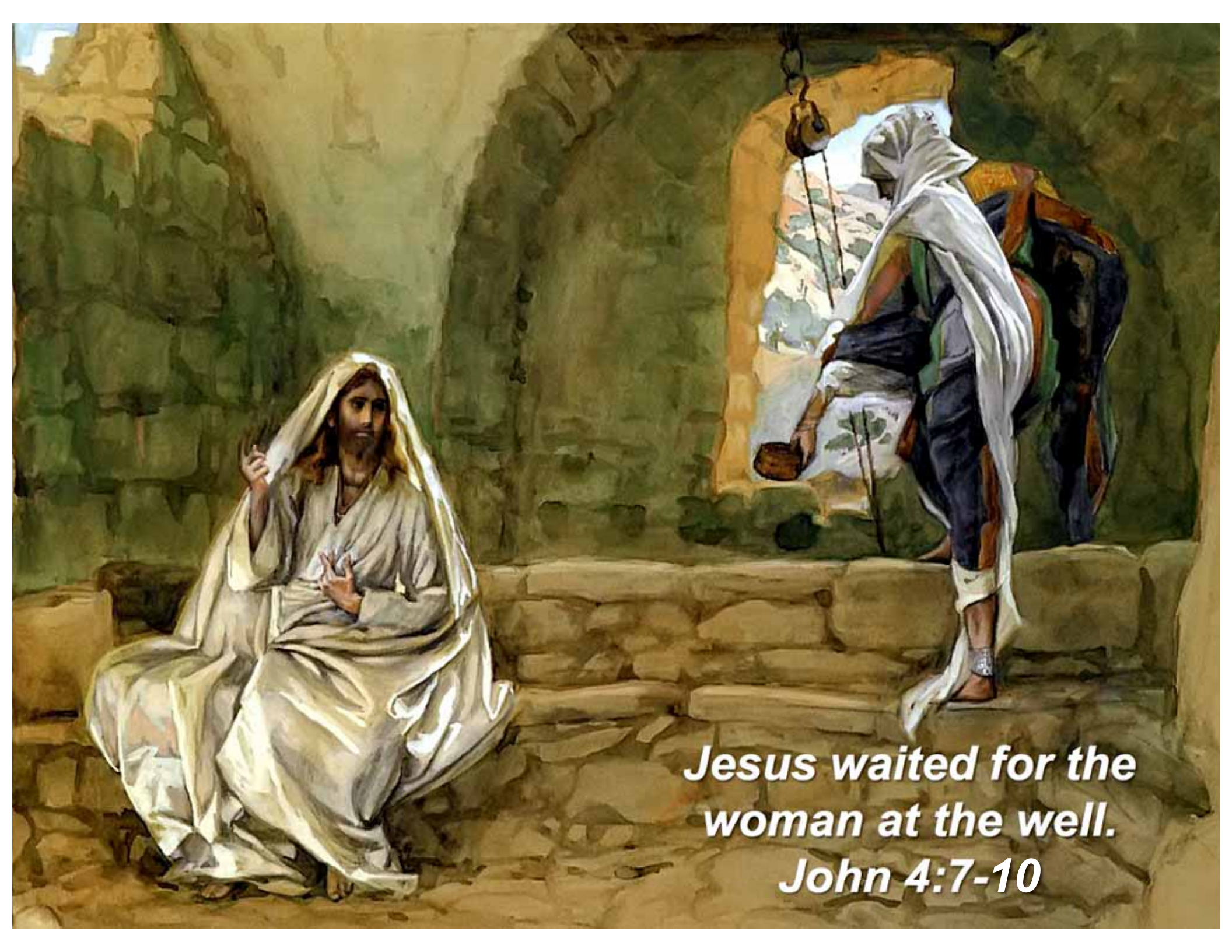
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Greet *every* saint in Christ



pas = "all or every"



***Jesus waited for the
woman at the well.
John 4:7-10***

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Greet every saint *in Christ* . . .



Rom. 6:23

2 Tim. 1:1

2 Cor. 5:17

Rom. 8:1

Rom. 12:3

1 Cor. 15:19

2 Cor. 2:14

Eph. 2:6

Eph. 1:3

Phil. 1:1, 26

Phil. 2:1, 5

Phil. 3:3, 9, 14

Phil. 4:7, 19, 21

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faith

justified

no condemnation

***seated in
heaven***

***fallen
asleep***

one body

eternal life

grace

hope

***fellow
workers***

triumph

new creature

***All of this is found
in Christ . . .***

- ***No one else***
- ***Nothing else***

The Brethren Who Are With Me

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Phil. 2:19

Phil. 2:25

Eph. 6:21

Acts 27:2

Philemon 10

Philemon 24

Philemon 24

Timothy

Epaphroditus

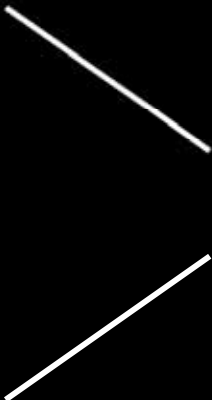
Tychicus

Aristarchus

Onesimus

Mark

Luke



Maybe

All the Saints Greet You

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All the saints . . .



- ***Christians in Rome***
- ***See some of them listed in Romans 16:3-16***

Especially Those of Caesar's House

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Caesar's household . . .



- ***Some of them may be listed in Romans***

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Two Spiritual Principles

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- 1. Reminds us that God must be first.**
- 2. We are to love fellow saints.**