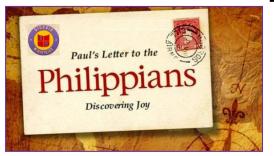


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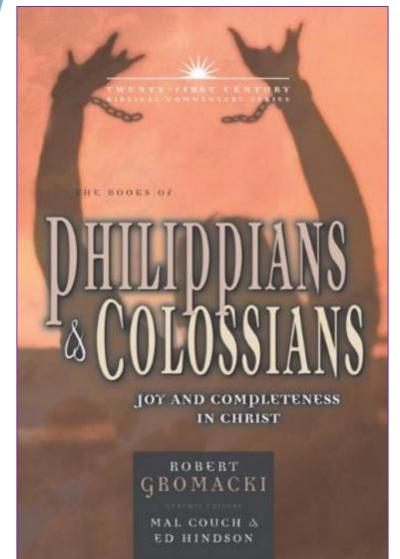
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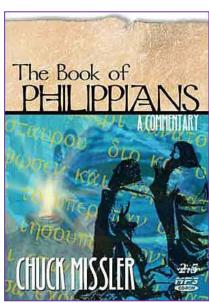


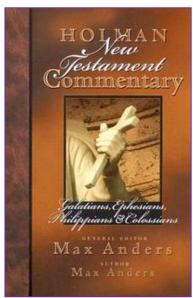


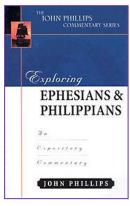


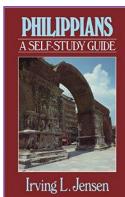
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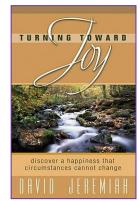


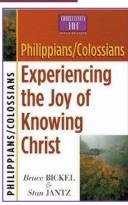


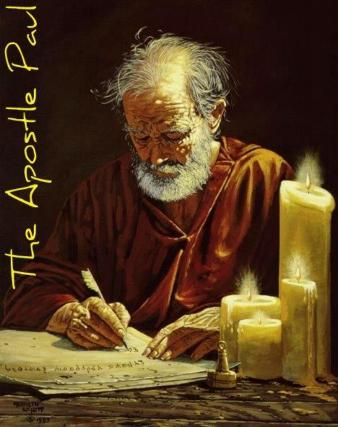




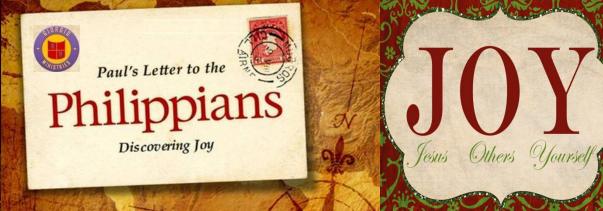




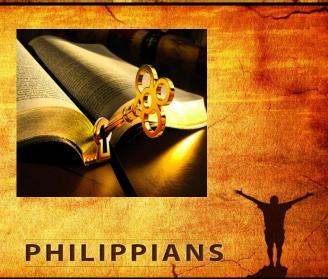


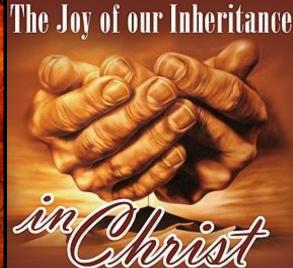


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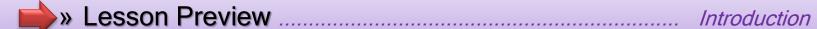


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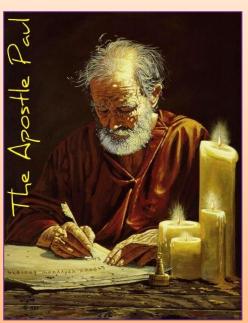
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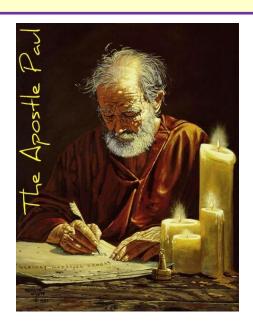


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Preview ... Introduction

The Apostle Paul's most personal letter was sent to the believers in Philippi. This intimate and loving epistle was written to believers who lived in the shadow of the Roman tyrant Nero. Paul himself was in a Roman prison, facing an uncertain future. Yet, surprisingly he wrote to the Philippians of the importance of Christian joy. As they were together in a worshiping community, even in the midst of their difficulties, they could experience the joy of the Lord that Jesus promised those who follow Him. So can we!



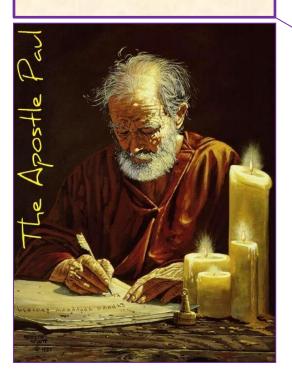


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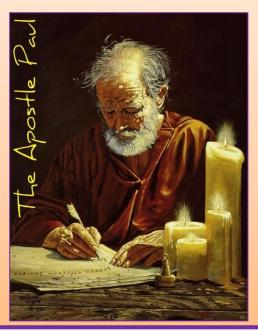
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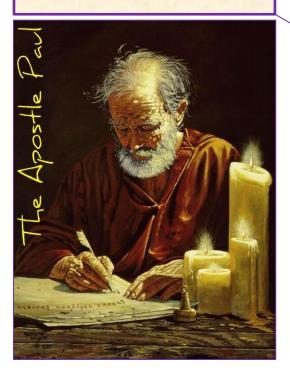


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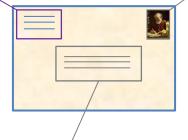
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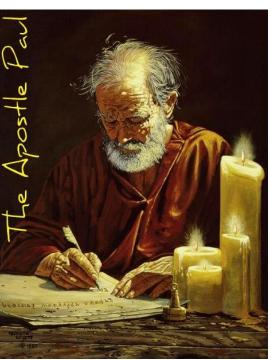
Paul

Jewish-born in Tarsus, near the Lebanese border

in modern Turkey.

- Roman citizen.
- Prominent Jewish religious leader, highly educated as a Pharisee.
- Persecuted
 Christians before
 his own dramatic
 conversion in AD 37
 (Acts 9).
- Known for his tireless work to the Gentiles.

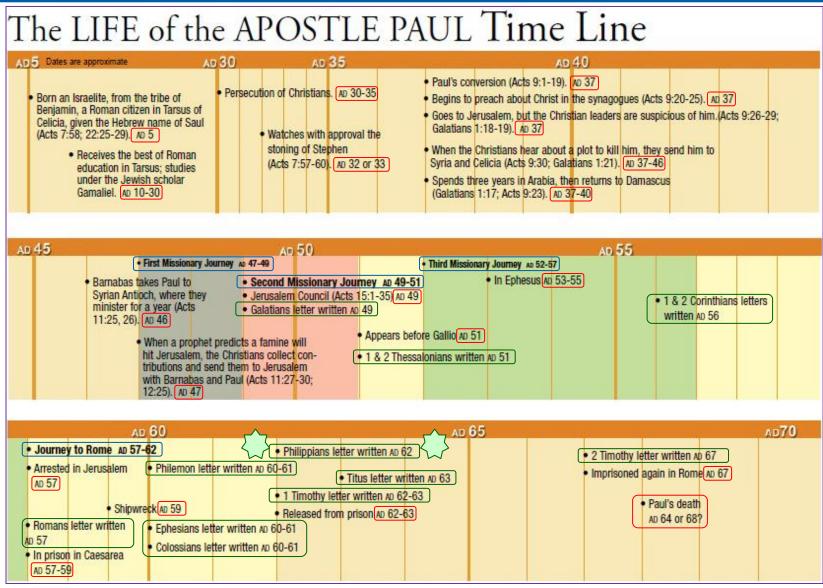




 Imprisoned by Nero's regime in AD 67 in Rome (2 Tim 4), where he was executed the next year.

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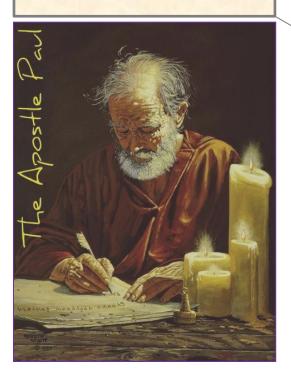


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Philippi

The city of Philippi was located on a fertile plain about 9 miles from the Aegean Sea northwest of the island of Thasos.

Neapolis served as the seaport.

In New Testament times Philippi was regarded as "the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony" (Acts 16:12).

Thessalonica was actually the capital of that Roman province.





Philippi

The city's inhabitants were regarded as legal Roman citizens who had the right to vote and to govern themselves.

Because no Jewish synagogue was located there, some scholars believe the citizens of Philippi were anti-Semitic.

Large numbers of Jews could be found in other Greek cities, such as Berea, Thessalonica, and Corinth.



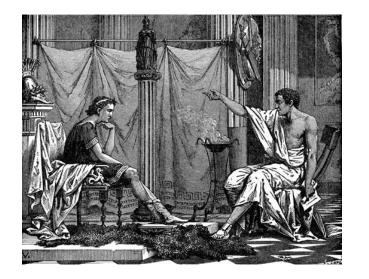


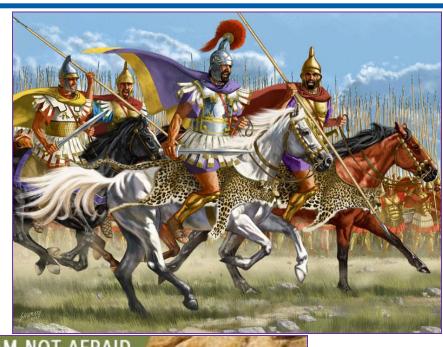


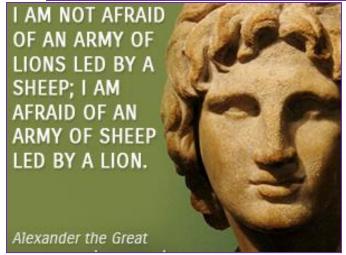
Philippi

Originally, the city was a Phoenician mining town because of its proximity to gold mines located in the nearby mountains and on the island of Thasos.

Later, Philip of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great, took the city from the empire of Thrace and renamed it after himself.









Philippi

Subsequently, a crucial battle between the coalition of Octavius (EMPEROR AUGUSTUS) and Mark Anthony and that of Brutus and Cassius (murderers of JULIUS CAESAR, in March 44 BC) was fought at Philippi.

The former won, thus ending the Roman republic in 42 BC.

Marcus Antonius (January 14, 83 BC – August 1, 30 BC), commonly known in English as Mark or Marc Antony, was a Roman politician and general who played a critical role in the transformation of the Roman Republic from an oligarchy into the autocratic Roman Empire.

Roman Republic	4
Official name (as on coins)	1
Roma	
after c. 100 BC:	
Senatus populusque Romani	IS (Latin)
(SPQR)	
("The Senate and People of Ro	me")
509 BC-27 BC	

Chronology				
Augustus		27 BC - 14 AD		
Tiberius	2	14-37 AD		
Caligula	_	37–41 AD		
Claudius		41–54 AD		
Nero		54–68 AD		

Roman imperial dynasties			
Year of the Four Emperors			
Chronology			
Galba		68–69	
Otho	3	69	
Vitellius	3	69	
Vespasian		69–79	









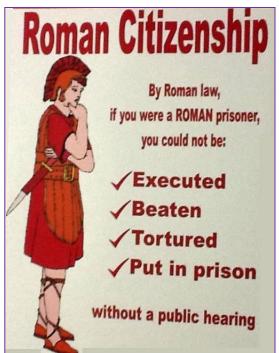
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Because of Philippi's assistance, Augustus founded a Roman military colony at Philippi and granted Roman citizenship to the Philippians when he became emperor.

As a Roman colony, the city grew in prominence because it was on the main road from Rome to the province of Asia.



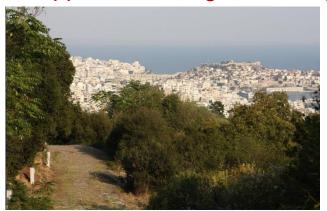






Philippi

Philippi is on the Egnatian Way.



Ancient Via Egnatia near Kavala (Neapolis)





Remains of Via Egnatia near Radozda (near Lychnidos)



Philippi

Today the city lies in ruins.

The site has been excavated by archaeologists who have uncovered a marketplace, the foundation of a larger arched gateway, and an amphitheater dating back to Roman times.





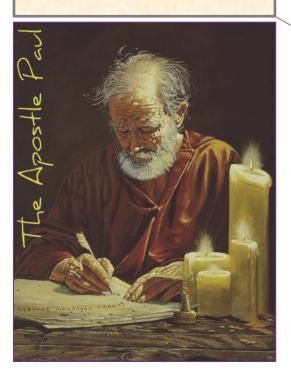


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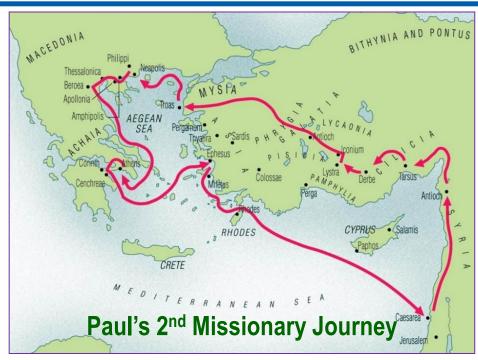




Guided to Philippi

Soon after Paul and Silas started out on Paul's 2nd missionary journey, they recruited Timothy to assist them (Acts 15:36-16:5).

Forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach in Asia and Bithynia, the three came to the coastal city of Troas.





Guided to Philippi

1ST CHURCH IN EUROPE

Paul there received a vision directing the team to go to Macedonia (Acts 16:9).

Luke joined the team, and the four departed for Neapolis in Macedonia the next day.

This was the first time Paul brought the gospel to Europe.

Black Sea Macedonia Byzantium Thessalonica Asia Minor Greece: Galatia Aegean Sea Lystra Athens **Ephesus** Corinth Colossae Antioch Byblos Mediterranean Sea Tyre Jerusalem • Paul enters Europe on his Second Journey

⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." -- Acts 16:9 ... NKJV





Lydia

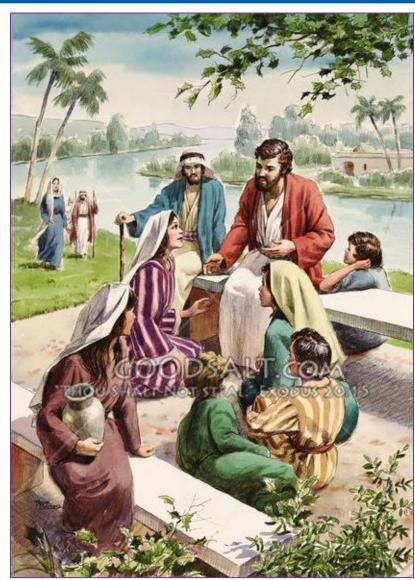
The missionaries (Paul, Silas, Timothy, & Luke) left Neapolis for Philippi, where they ministered to a group of women on the Sabbath by the river, since there was no synagogue in the city.

Lydia, a merchant woman of Thyatira, and her household believed and were baptized (Acts 16:15; 40).





Two shells of Bolinus brandaris, the spiny dyemurex, source of the dye.





Slave Girl

The next significant event in Philippi occurred when Paul cast out a demonic spirit from a slave girl.

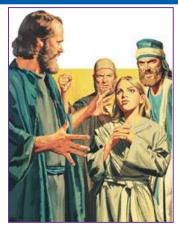
Her enraged masters seized Paul and Silas, and dragged them to the city's rulers (magistrates), and brought a false accusation against them.

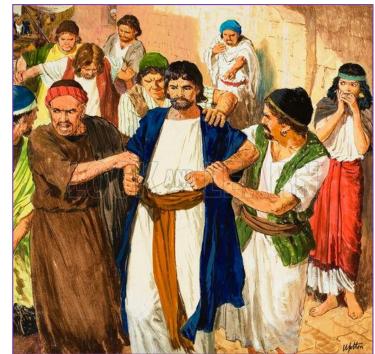
(Acts 16:20-21).

Because of the Philippian antagonism toward Jews, the multitude beat them and cast them into prison.

BIG MISTAKE!

²⁰ And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; ²¹ and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." --- Acts 16:20-21 ... NKJV







Jurisdiction Problem

MAGISTRATES MISTAKE!

VALERIAN LAW:

No Roman should ever be bound: this was considered to be an offense against the empire.

POCIAN LAW:

No Roman should be flogged.

Based on the two laws above, the Magistrates were now at substantial risk for what they did to Paul and Silas.

MAGISTRATES

- elected officials
- enforced the law
- judged cases
- top magistrates=two consuls

The 4 principles of Roman law

- All citizens have the right to equal treatment under law
- Innocent until proven guilty
- The burden of proof rests with the accuser rather than the accused
- Any law that seems unreasonable or grossly unfair can be set aside



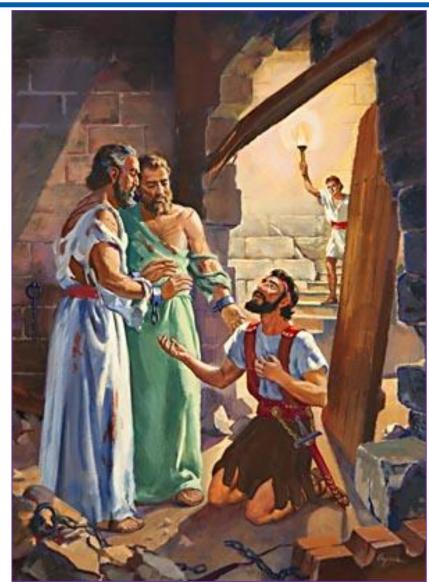
Jailer

At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, sang, and shared their faith to the other prisoners.

An earthquake shook the prison's foundation, opened the doors, and loosed the chains from the walls.

The jailer, fearful that the prisoners under his care had fled, was about to commit suicide when Paul stopped him.

Paul then led the jailer and his whole household to a saving knowledge of Christ.





Released

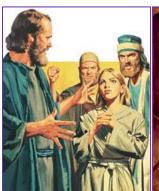
At his release the next day Paul revealed that both Silas and he had Roman citizenship and that they had been wrongfully beaten.

They then went to Lydia's house, ministered to the believers, and departed for Thessalonica, leaving Luke behind.

The young church at Philippi began with an unusual membership of a converted BUSINESSWOMAN, a former demonic SOOTHSAYER, and a JAILER, and perhaps some prisoners.









Lydia

Slave Girl

Jailer



Three Very Different Converts

PURPLE-DEALER OF THYATIRA:

An Asian; engaged in an important and lucrative business; devoted to the truths of the Old Testament.

A GIRL WITH THE DIVINING SPIRIT:

A Greek; treated by the law as a mere chattel without any social or political rights, employed by her masters to trade upon the impressionable ignorant; bearing the name of the Pythian god, the reputed source of Greek inspiration, represented the equivalent what is now called the New Age.

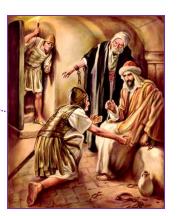
THE ROMAN JAILER:

Equally removed from both, held a subordinate office under government; whose worship was likely political in tone.

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. --- Galatians 3:28 ... NKJV



Lydia



Slave Girl



Gifts

Close contact between Paul and the Philippian Church was maintained after this initial contact.

The church sent gifts to Paul on two separate occasions during his ministry in Thessalonica.

(Philippians 4:14-16; Acts 17:1-9).

Silas was probably sent by Paul from Athens to do some additional

work there.

(Acts 17:15-16; 18:5; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-6).





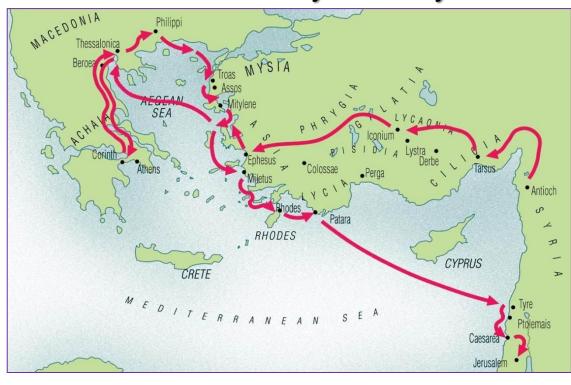
Final Visit

During his 3rd missionary journey, Paul went into the province of Macedonia; with an obvious stop at Philippi (Acts (20:1).

After 3 MONTHS in Corinth, he revisited Macedonia and Philippi before he left for Jerusalem (Acts 20:2-6).

On his final contact, Luke joins up with Paul and accompanies him.

3rd Missionary Journey

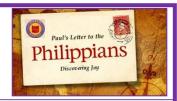


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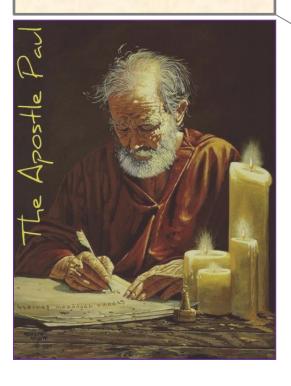


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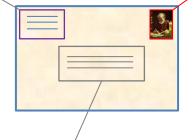


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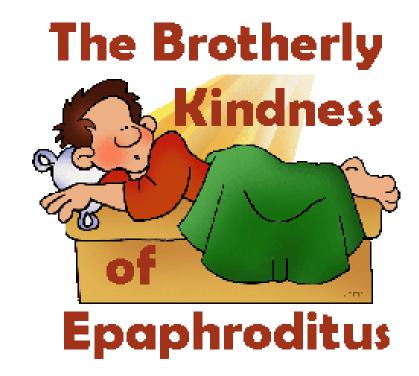
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Epaphroditus

News of Paul's imprisonment in Rome had come to the Philippian church, and it created a great deal of concern and anxiety.

To get firsthand information on Paul's predicament, the church authorized Epaphroditus to go to Rome to confer with Paul and to present him with a monetary gift for his financial needs (Philippians 4:10, 14-18).



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Epaphroditus

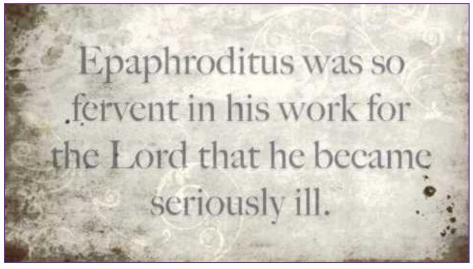
When Epaphroditus saw that Paul's material needs were much greater than the size of the Philippian gift, he stayed on in Rome, working to raise more money for Paul (Philippians 2:25, 30).

In doing so, Epaphroditus became very ill and almost died

(Philippians 2:27, 30).

Word of his sickness reached Philippi and caused a new concern for the church (Philippians 2:26).

Epaphroditus became distressed when he discovered that the church at Philippi became aware of his illness (Philippians 2:26).





Overview - TIME AND PLACE OF WRITING



Epaphroditus

During the time period covered by the last communications, God had healed Epaphroditus totally, or at least sufficiently, so that he was well enough to return to Philippi (Philippians 2:27).

Paul determined then to send Epaphroditus back to Philippi so that the church might rejoice at his return (Philippians 2:28).

The apostle thus used this occasion to write this epistle and to send it to Philippi by way of Epaphroditus.

Paul's confidence in his imminent acquittal and release (Philippians 1:25; 2:24) probably indicates that it was written near the end of Paul's TWO YEARS of imprisonment at Rome (AD 59-61).

²⁵ Yet I considered it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow worker, and fellow soldier, but your messenger and the one who ministered to my need; ²⁶ since he was longing for you all, and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick. 27 For indeed he was sick almost unto death; but God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. ²⁸ Therefore I sent him the more eagerly, that when you see him again you may rejoice, and I may be less sorrowful. ²⁹ Receive him therefore in the Lord with all gladness, and hold such men in esteem; 30 because for the work of Christ he came close to death, not regarding his life, to supply what was lacking in your service toward me.

-- Philippians 2:25-30 ... NKJV

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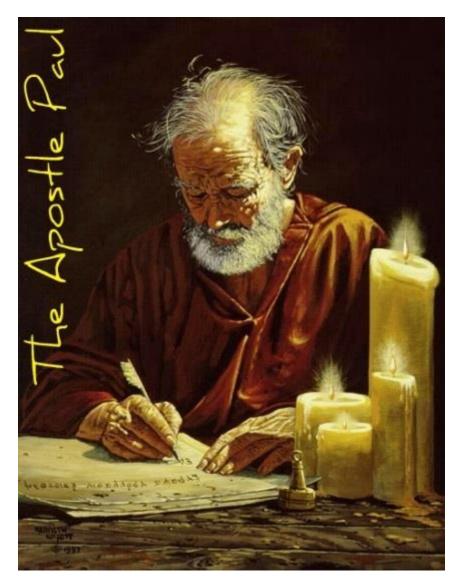


Main Reason For Writing

Paul learned about the spiritual needs of the church through conversations with Epaphroditus and with those who came to Rome with the report of the church's concern over Epaphroditus' illness.

FIRST, Paul wanted to relieve their anxiety over the circumstances of his imprisonment (Philippians 1:1-30).

They thought that the apostle's ministry had been brought to an abrupt stop, but Paul assured them that God was using the episode for the advancement of the gospel.



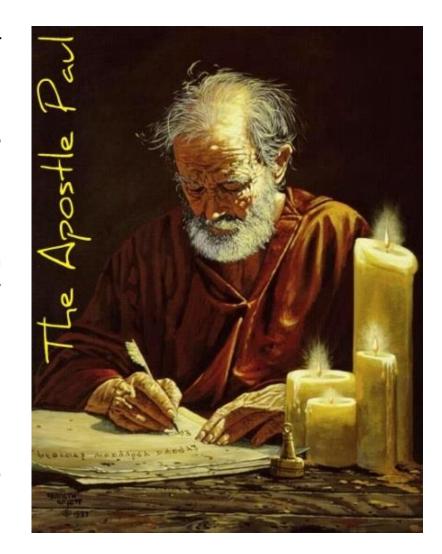
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Other Reasons For Writing

Paul had several other reasons for writing - eight (8) listed here.

- 1) There apparently was a growing disunity among the members as evidenced by Paul's appeal to them to manifest humility and unity (Philippians 2:1-8).
- Paul also informed the church of a possible imminent visit by Timothy (Philippians 2:18-24);
- 3) Paul explained the reasons behind Epaphroditus' sickness and healing (Philippians 2:25-30);
- 4) Paul warned against the deceitful tactics and doctrines of the Judaizers (Philippians 3:1-4:1);

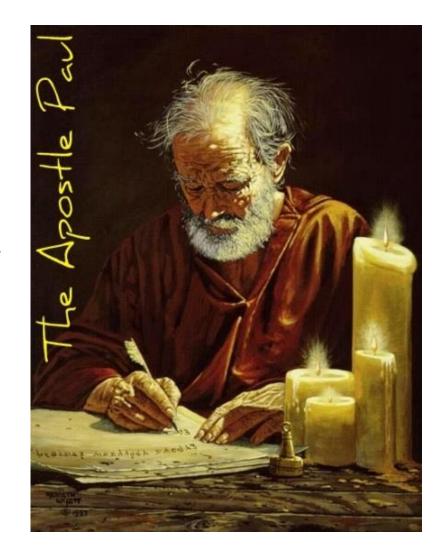


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Other Reasons For Writing

- 5) Paul admonished Euodia and Syntyche to maintain spiritual and sisterly unity (Philippians 4:2-3);
- 6) Paul prescribed truth that would give the members mental and emotional stability to replace their anxiety (Philippians 4:4-9);
- Paul expressed thankfulness for their financial assistance (Philippians 4:10-20);
- 8) Paul wanted to share greetings with all of them (Philippians 4:21-23).





Personal

The intimate relationship that existed between Paul and the Philippian church can be seen in his frequent use of the first person singular personal pronoun.

In these **four** short **chapters**, there are **over one hundred occurrences** of such words as "I", "me" and "my". In fact, the **pronoun** "I" can be found **52** TIMES.

This fact does not mean that Paul lacked humility; rather it shows the natural person-to-person rapport between him and the people.

Thus, of all the epistles written to churches, Philippians is the most personal.

Categories of Pronouns 1. Personal Pronouns				
Singular		Plural		
First Person (The person speaking)	I, me, my, mine	we, us, our, ours		
Second Person (The person spoken to)	you, your, yours	you, your, yours		
Third Person (The person or thing being spoken about)	he, him, his, she her, hers, it, its	they, them, their, theirs		





Gospel

There is a strong emphasis on the word, "GOSPEL" (Philippians 1:5);

- "defense and confirmation of the GOSPEL" (Philippians 1:7);
- 2) "greater progress of the GOSPEL" (Philippians 1:12);
- 3) "defense of the GOSPEL" (Philippians 1:16);
- 4) "conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the GOSPEL of Christ" (Philippians 1:27a);
- 5) "faith of the GOSPEL" (Philippians 1:27b);
- 6) "served with me in the furtherance of the GOSPEL" (Philippians 2:22);
- 7) "in the cause of the GOSPEL" (Philippians 4:3);
- 8) "the first preaching of the GOSPEL" (Philippians 4:15).







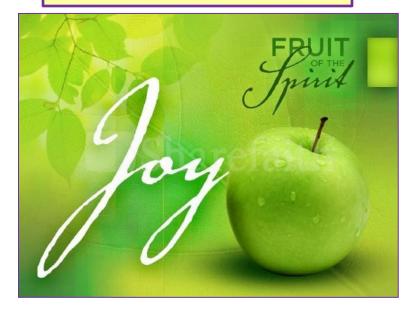
Joy

This book has a traditional reputation of being the epistle of Joy.

Various forms of the words "JOY" and "REJOICE" are found 18 TIMES.

This theme is seen in the KEY VERSE:

"REJOICE in the Lord always: again I say, REJOICE!" (Philippians 4:4).





"Joy is the Serious business of heaven."
- C.S. Lewis





Kenosis

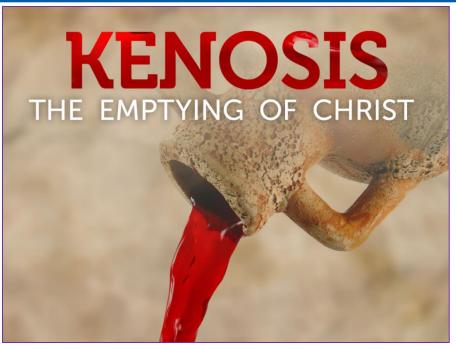
One of the greatest Christological passages occurs within Philippians as an example of genuine humility and obedience (Philippians 2:5-11).

The passage speaks of Christ's eternal deity, incarnation, humiliation, death, resurrection, and exaltation via His ascension.

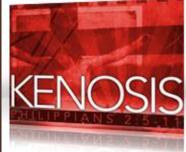
Theologians call it the "KENOSIS" passage, based on the Greek text underlying the phrase:

"But emptied Himself" (Philippians 2:7).

The **KENOSIS** concept takes its name from a transliteration of the Greek word *kenoō*.









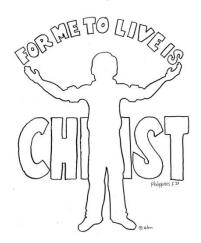
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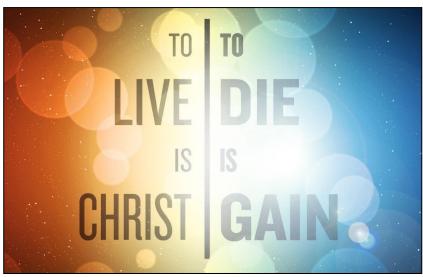
The book of Philippians also provides an insight into the motivations of Paul:

"For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

Paul wanted Christ to be magnified in his body; whether through living or dying for Him.

He later elaborated upon these goals. (Philippians 3:10-14).







Overview - OUTLINE



BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

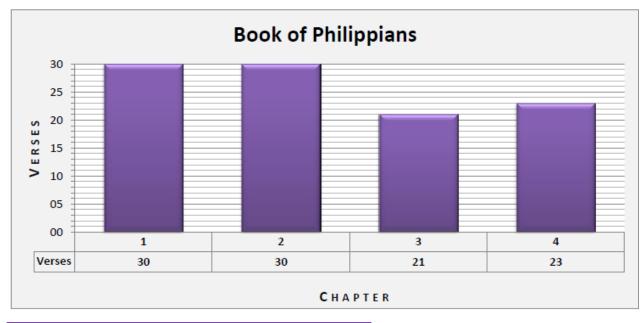
Focus	"Rejoice in the Lord Always" (4:4)			
Divisions	Paul's Prayer & Plea	Christ's Pattern & Paul's Plan	Paul's Example	Paul's Exhortation
	CHAPTER 01	CHAPTER 02	CHAPTER 03	Chapter 04
Topics	Rejoicing in Affliction	Rejoicing in Ministry	Rejoicing in Jesus	Rejoicing in Blessings
	Rejoice in God's Will		Relax in God's Peace	
PLACE	Roman Prison			
TIME	AD 61			
AUTHOR	The Apostle Paul			

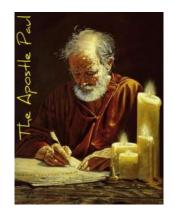
Overview - METRICS



Metrics - Philippians

Book of 1 Thessalonians		
Total Chapters	4	
Total Verses	104	
Chapter	Verses	
01	30	
02	30	
03	21	
04	23	
TOTAL:	104	
AVERAGE	26.0	
MEDIAN	26.5	
MINIMUM	21	
MAXIMUM	30	
RANGE	9	
RANGE SPREAD	0.4	
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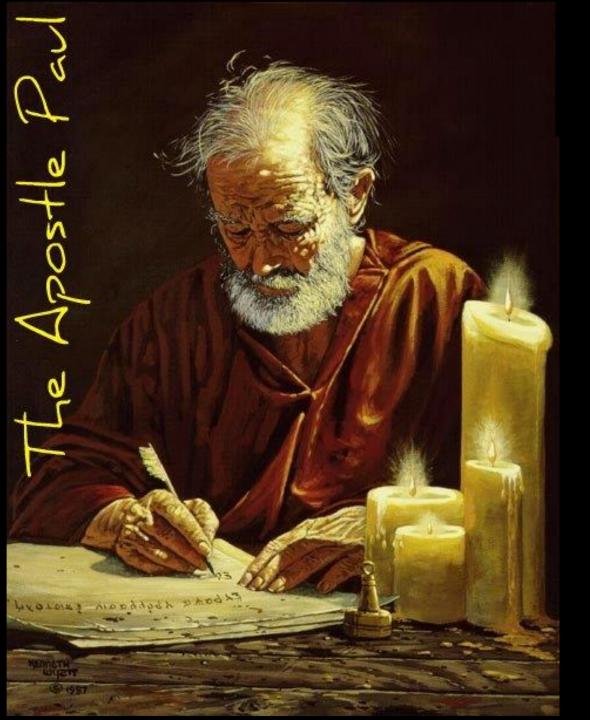




Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Philippians 4:8





Philippians "Joy In Christ"

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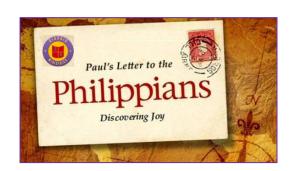




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Lesson 2: The Prayer

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Lesson 05: Challenge to the Church [PHILIPPIANS 1:27-2:4]
Lesson 06: Humiliation and Exaltation [PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11]
Lesson 07: Marks of Humble Service [PHILIPPIANS 2:12-16]
Lesson 08: Three Examples of Humility [PHILIPPIANS 2:17-30]
Lesson 09: Danger of Legalism [PHILIPPIANS 3:1-6]
Lesson 10: The Joy of Salvation [PHILIPPIANS 3:7-14]
Lesson 11: The Joy of Maturity [Philippians 3:15-21]
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