

Presence Theater Church
Bible Survey
Paul's Epistle to the Philippians

Philippians is the epistle of joy and encouragement in the midst of adverse circumstances. Paul lovingly urges the church in _____ to center their actions and thoughts on the pursuit of the _____ and power of Christ.

Who wrote it? _____ is the writer of this epistle with some assistance from _____ (1:1).

Date of writing and Surrounding Circumstances: _____

- Philippians is the second of four “Prison Epistles” written by Paul. The others are Ephesians, Colossians and Philemon.
- Instead of writing to correct doctrinal matters, Paul writes a “_____” letter to the church at Philippi that had been so generous in supporting him.

Key Term: _____: Forms of the noun “joy” and the verb “_____” occur _____ times in this short letter. Philippians is the biblical book that most extensively defines and describes joy.

Location of Events: Paul wrote Philippians from a prison in Rome approximately 800 miles away from the city of Philippi. _____ delivered Paul's letter from Rome to Philippi (Phil. 2:25).

- Book Outline:**
- I. Paul's _____ Circumstances (Chap. 1)
 - Paul's Prayer of Thanksgiving (1:1-11)
 - Paul's _____ Promote the Gospel (1:12-18)
 - Paul's Afflictions Exalt the Lord (1:19-26)
 - Paul's Exhortation to the Afflicted (1:27-30)
 - II. Paul's Appeal to Have the _____ of Christ (Chap. 2)
 - Paul's Exhortation to Humility (2:1-4)
 - Christ's Example of _____ (2:5-16)
 - Paul's Examples of Humility (2:17-30)
 - III. Paul's Appeal to Have the _____ of Christ (Chap. 3)
 - Warning Against Confidence in the Flesh (3:1-9)
 - Exhortation to _____ Christ (3:10-16)
 - Warning Against Living for the Flesh (3:17-21)

IV. Paul's Appeal to Have the _____ of Christ (Chap. 4)

- Peace with the Brethren (4:1-3)
- Peace with the Lord (4:4-9)
- Peace in All Circumstances (4:10-19)
- Conclusion (4:20-23)

Summary in one sentence: Knowing _____ Christ is much more joyful and important than anything else because God has exalted Jesus, the crucified _____, with the name above every name.

Summary in ten words or less: _____

Cast of Characters: *Paul* – called to the _____ of the gospel; *Timothy* – will soon visit Philippi (2:19); *Men who do evil* – Paul warns against them (3:2); *Euodia, Syntyche* – Paul wishes these _____ women would resolve their issue (4:2); *Clement* – a worker who Paul says his name is written in the Book of _____ (4:3); *The Philippians* – Paul's first European _____

Verse to Remember: “I _____ toward the mark for the _____ of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 3:14)

- Interesting Facts:**
1. Philippians has four chapters, and each chapter has a major theme.
 - Chapter 1 - Christ is our _____. (1:21)
 - Chapter 2 - Christ is our EXAMPLE. (2:5)
 - Chapter 3 - Christ is our _____. (3:7)
 - Chapter 4 - Christ is our STRENGTH AND SOURCE OF _____. (4:13)
 2. Paul's “Macedonian Call” in Acts 16 led him to his work in Philippi. The first converts on the continent of Europe were _____ and her household (Acts 16:14, 15).

What is my take away? Paul encourages us to be like _____, the humble servant, and to never be satisfied with our accomplishments; always pressing for _____ in God.