



Philippians

Having The Mind of Christ

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Lesson 1 Introduction and Background

Philippians is perhaps the most personal of all Paul's writings. It is indeed a personal letter written to a group that Paul respects, loves and has spent a good deal of time with. It has also been referred to as the "Book of Joy," because the theme is prevalent throughout the book and the word itself is used a number of times.

This lesson will provide a little background on the city of Philippi, the church that was established at Philippi, the writer of the Philippian letter as well as the possible date, time and location of the writing.

The City

- 1) In which province or section of Greece was Philippi located?

- 2) From reference books determine:
 - a) Its location

 - b) Its peculiar relation to Rome

- 3) What indication is there that few Jews lived in Philippi?

The Church

- 1) Acts 16:6-40
 - a) What caused Paul to go to Philippi?

 - b) Who were his first converts?

 - c) What offer was made to Paul and his companions immediately following this first baptism?

 - d) What miracle caused Paul and Silas to be imprisoned?

 - e) Who were converted as a result of Paul and Silas' imprisonment?

 - f) When asked to leave the city, what did Paul and Silas do before their departure?

 - g) Where did they go after leaving Philippi (Acts 17:1)?

- 2) Philippians 4:15-16
 - a) How many times did the Philippians send aid to Paul in Thessalonica?

 - b) At what other time did they assist him?

- 3) 2 Corinthians 8:1-5
 - a) What was the economic condition of the churches of Macedonia?
 - b) How is their affliction described?
 - c) Describe their giving for the poor saints in Judea.
 - d) How did Paul apparently feel about their giving?
 - e) What explains their liberality?

The Writer

- 1) Subsequent visits to Philippi (Acts 20:1-3)
 - a) After the uproar in Ephesus, Paul came to "Greece" and remained for how long?
 - b) *Note: This time was most likely spent in Philippi and was the occasion on which 2 Corinthians was written.*
 - c) Why did Paul return through Macedonia after his visit to Corinth?
 - d) To what place was he traveling when he returned through Macedonia?
- 2) Jerusalem to Rome
 - a) What happened to Paul in Jerusalem (Acts 21:32-33)?
 - b) How long did he remain a prisoner under Felix (Acts 21:32-33)?
 - c) Where was he finally taken for trial (Acts 27:1)?
- 3) Imprisonment in Rome
 - a) What were the conditions under which Paul was imprisoned?
 - b) How long had he been a prisoner in Rome when Acts was completed?

Conclusions:

- 1) It was almost certainly during this imprisonment in Rome that Paul wrote Philippians. This would make the place of the writing, Rome and the time, 63 or 64 A.D.
- 2) During this same imprisonment, Paul wrote Ephesians, Colossians and Philemon.
- 3) Read through the book. From this reading and from the introduction and any other references available, compile a list of all of those who were or could have been member of the Philippians church at some point.