

Philippians

Christ is our life. Our joy is the progress of the gospel. We can not help people follow Christ without an authentic model. Following Christ mandates living according to His likeness.

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Therefore, Christ must be our mind and example of how to live in love. Walking with Christ is based upon our personal submission and humility.

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Our delight and joy in life is not based upon adherence to religious activities but in modeling Christ. Although the standard is high, we press on towards the goal of authentic Christianity.

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Following Christ results in a prayerful and yielded view of the temporal. Our perspective is changed to rest in Gods provision and to live as stewards of His grace.

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Messages

1:1-11 :: Introduction & Participation
1:12-20 :: Endurance
1:21-30 :: Suffering

2:1-4 :: Humility
2:5-11 :: Christology
2:12-30 :: Personal Incarnation

3:1-14 :: Yielded
3:15-21 :: Attitude

4:1-7 :: Prayerful
4:8-9 :: Pure
4:10-14 :: Content
4:15-20 :: Generous
4:21-23 :: Benediction



Items of Notice

- God can use anyone for His glory (1:5)
- what God begun, He will complete (1:6)
- to live is Christ, to die is gain (1:21)
- belief and suffering go hand in hand (1:29)

- THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST (2:5-8)
- The example of Christ should mark a follower [Humility & Service] (2:5-8)
- He is at work in us for His good pleasure (2:13)
- Our personal example will help others receive encouragement and experience the Love of Christ [Epaphroditus & Timothy] (2:19-30)

- Our past does not define our future... we will not always be whom we have been (3:5-14)
- We are to be in constant struggle for further Godliness (3:12-14)
- Many claim to walk with Christ but do not (3:18-19)

- The people whom we influence for Christ are the reward for our ministry (4:1)
- A prayerful faith brings peace (4:6-7)
- Our minds will greatly determine the trajectory of our spiritual life (4:8)
- Contentment is a learned trait that ultimately is strengthened through Christ (4:11,12,13)
- The stewardship of our resources will free us as well as be a breath of fresh air to those around us (4:14-19)

:: DISTINCTIVES ::

- Unique focus on the Christian attitude, viewpoint, or consciousness
- Unique focus on attitude leading to action
- Profoundly positive and personal
- No rebuke or correction
- His Warnings were precautionary in nature
- Very little theology compared to other epistles

"Philippians is a story of humble beginnings and historic impact for the Kingdom of God"

(From prayer meeting to Missional Church)



Author :: The Apostle Paul

Location :: Prison in Rome (commonly called a "prison epistle" along with Colossians, Ephesians, & Philemon)

Date :: in the middle of his first house arrest, most likely A.D. 61

Audience :: "to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and Deacons" (Phil 1:1)

Theme :: Participation in the Gospel

Key :: Philippi was the most missional church of their time that lost their love for one another in the process.



Pauline Timeline

	Paul's Conversion	Galatians	1st & 2nd Thessalonians	1st & 2nd Corinthians	Romans	Prison Epistles	Pastoral Epistles	Destruction of Jerusalem
	33	49	51	55-56	58	61-63	63-66	70
	47-48	49-50	49-52	54	56-58	58-61	67	68
	First Missionary Journey	Jerusalem Counsel	Second Missionary Journey	Nero Becomes Emperor	Third Missionary Journey	Ceserean & Roman Imprisonment	Paul Martyred	Nero Dies