



Introduction

Who wrote it?

From where did they write it? Mark it on the map above.

Who was it written to?

What other pertinent biblical information do we know about this place?

What is the theme of the book?

PHILIPPIANS 1

1. Who quilled this book?
 2. What do they call themselves?
 3. What are the recipients called?
 4. Compare Paul's greeting (grace and peace) with that of the previous epistles.
 5. What is Paul thankful for every time he remembers it?
 6. What is Paul confident of?
 7. What does God begin with each saint (you included!)?
 8. What will He do with it?
 9. What is Paul's relationship with these people?
 10. Any hints on where Paul is when he is writing this?
 11. What does Paul long for?
 12. What is Paul praying for the Philippians?
 13. The Philippians love is supposed to grow in 2 areas. What are these 2 areas?
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 14. What would happen if our love grows in such a way (3)?
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 15. As this is happening, what are we then filled with?
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PHILIPPIANS 1

16. To what end?
17. In v. 12, Paul says, “The things which happened to me.” What do you think these things are?
18. Paul is actually thankful for these things that have happened to him, because it has borne a three-fold fruit. What 3 things have happened?
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19. Paul then says that there are 2 different motivations behind preaching Christ. What are they?
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20. Those who are preaching from a selfish paradigm are doing so to accomplish what end?
21. Those who preach out of love do so knowing something about Paul. What is it?
22. Now we get to a key theme of this book. Paul has already presented that he has gone through some hard times. He is in chains and others are hoping to add afflictions to those chains, and yet in all that, he still rejoices. This letter then becomes a challenge to rejoice, even in great adversity. Why is Paul rejoicing over those who are preaching the Gospel from envy and strife?
23. Paul knows that he will be delivered, and that 2 things will contribute to that. What are they?
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24. Paul’s primary mindset is displayed in v. 21. How does v. 21 relate to v. 20?
25. What is the benefit of Paul continuing to live?
26. What is the benefit of Paul dying?
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PHILIPPIANS 1

27. Of the 2, which would Paul prefer?
28. Which does Paul assume the outcome will be right now, and why?
29. Paul is intending on visiting the Philippians again. What does he hope to accomplish in this?
30. Paul tells them that their lifestyles should be worthy of the Gospel of Christ, and he then defines how that looks to him in 3 statements. What are they?
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31. What is proof of their perdition?
32. What then is the proof of their salvation?
33. What has been granted to us on behalf of Christ (2)?
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34. What do the Philippians and Paul have in common?
35. Has Paul ever suffered in front of them?

Application

- In this chapter, Paul tells us that God has begun a good work in us. He also tells us that He will complete it. Consider 3 great things that God has done in your life, then turn your eyes to the future and pray that God would give you eager expectation for what God will do next.
- Paul tells the Philippians that the reason he hasn't died yet is because God has more to do through him as well as to him. Take a moment and pray that God would redeem every moment that you are still alive.

PHILIPPIANS 2

1. Paul lists 3 things that come from 3 sources at the beginning of chapter 2. Of them, what is found in Christ?

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2. What comes from love?

3. What comes from the Spirit?

4. As we have a habit of finding the Trinity in several statements, if this be the case, how would God the Father be identified in v.1?

5. Paul says if they have any of 5 things as a prerequisite from making their joy complete. What are those 5 things?

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6. What would make Paul's joy fulfilled/complete?

7. How does this correlate with Jesus' desire for the church in John 17?

8. In this desire for the Philippians to be unified, he then lists 6 things/attitudes that are for the purpose of attaining unity. What are they?

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PHILIPPIANS 2

9. We/they are challenged to have the mind of Christ, which is displayed in 7 attitudes/actions. What are they?

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10. In Jesus' example of doing these things, it bore forth 4 things. What are they?

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11. Too often, vs. 12-13 have been quoted exclusively and not corporately. In proper context, how does v. 12 pertain to v. 13, and what is the balance established in that?

12. Paul commands them to do all things without grumbling and complaining. What does he hope to accomplish by this?

13. What does Paul call their generation?

14. What does he call the Philippians in relation to it?

15. What does Paul call the Philippians in relation to the world?

16. What would cause Paul to rejoice in (in regards to the Philippians)?

17. How does Paul view this season of his life? What has it caused him to do?

18. What does Paul command the Philippians to do with him?

19. Who is Paul intending to send their way? Why?

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PHILIPPIANS 2

20. In what way is Timothy unique in Paul's eyes?
21. List out 3 characters/qualities that Paul sees in Timothy.
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22. Who does Paul assume will also come soon?
23. Why did Paul consider it necessary to send Epaphroditus to them?
24. What 5 things does Paul call Epaphroditus?
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25. What was wrong with Epaphroditus?
26. What was Epaphroditus' relationship with the Philippians?
27. What does Paul hope to achieve by sending Epaphroditus?
28. What does he command the Philippians in regards to Epaphroditus (2)?
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29. What almost killed him?

Application

- In this chapter, Paul has given us the recipe for being unified. How much of this is a part of your everyday life?
- Pray that God would make you a person with the mind of Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 3

1. What is the first command in chapter 3 (clue: it had better involve 4 words, not 1!)?

2. Why does Paul feel a need to repeat himself?

3. Paul then calls his opponents 3 things. What are they?

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4. What does he then call the Philippians?

5. What are the 3 qualities of the true circumcision?

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6. Paul then lists 7 things that he could use for confidence in the flesh. What are they?

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7. What does he consider those things now?

8. Compared to what?

9. Why does Paul consider them rubbish (literally, dung)?

10. Where does Paul say righteousness is found?

PHILIPPIANS 3

11. What are the 3 things Paul wishes to know through this righteousness?

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12. Does Paul think he has reached this stage of his walk yet?

13. If not, what 3 things does Paul do to get closer to this stage (hint, they may seem like the same thing to some degree)?

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14. What does Paul think will happen to the immature in Christ?

15. But to whatever degree they are already towards this goal, what 2 commands does he lay before them?

16. Next, in v. 17, what does Paul command the Philippians to do, and what does this say about how Paul views his own witness?

17. How does Paul feel about those who are enemies of the cross of Christ?

18. Paul then gives us 4 qualities about such people. What are they?

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19. How does Paul link the Philippians to heaven?

20. What does Paul say will happen to them when Christ comes?

21. What 3 things does Paul call Jesus here?

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- Paul said that he counted all things of this earth to be dung in order to gain Christ. Paul also said that he desired to attain that resurrection, and as a result, sought to leave these things behind. Is there anything in your past that needs to be left behind so that you can pursue Christ as you should? Is there anything in this world that you need to look at differently to put more Christ in your life?
- Pray that God would make the changes necessary.

PHILIPPIANS 4

1. What 4 things does Paul call the recipients in chapter 4 (one thing he calls them twice)?
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 2. What concern does Paul have with Euodia and Syntyche?
 3. What good things does he say about them?
 4. What does Paul tell us about Clement?
 5. Paul then commands them to rejoice... Note the places where Paul commands them to rejoice. What do they all have in common (hint: they involve 3 more words)?
 6. What should be known to all men and why?
 7. Paul then commands us to be anxious in nothing. This is a command, which means to not do it would be sinful. Here's the problem: being commanded to not stress causes you to stress about not stressing! Notice that this is not a removal, but rather, it is a replacement. So what does Paul tell us to replace that stress with (4)?
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 8. If we do those 4 things, we can expect the peace of God to do 2 things. What are they?
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PHILIPPIANS 4

9. Many are aware that the word for “meditate” is the word that is used for how a cow chews its cud. He chews, swallows, digests a bit; then he brings it back up to chew, swallow, and digest some more. So what 8 things are we to do this with, and how does this look when we do it?

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10. Paul tells them that if they emulate 4 things about Paul, the God of Peace will be with them. What are those 4 things?

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11. What has caused Paul to rejoice?

12. What had the Philippians lacked opportunity to do previously?

13. Paul says that he knows 6 things intimately. What are they?

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14. In these things, what has he learned to become?

15. How does this context pertain to v. 13?

PHILIPPIANS 4

16. Paul says that they have done well in sharing something with Paul. What is it? How does that pertain to the context of this section?
17. What does Paul say was unique about the Philippians?
18. What did the Philippians do for Paul when he was in Thessalonica?
19. What is Paul truly seeking?
20. How does Epaphroditus play into this?
21. What 3 things does he call their gift?
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22. How does this pertain to v. 19? What is it in accordance with, and why is this important?
23. Where is Paul when he is writing this?

Application

- Consider the last 3 times you were stressing out (without making you stress out to remember them!). In all honesty, why did those things make you stress?
- In v. 8, Paul gives us again 8 things we are to set our minds upon, to chew upon, to digest, and do again and again and again. List out those 8 things, and write out 2 things that fit into each of those categories.

