

PHILIPPIANS

Living Joy!

Written

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To: Church in Philippi (1:2)

Named for King Philip II – Alexander the Great's father

Roman colony – many retired military

When: 61-63 – Paul is in prison in Rome (Acts 28)

Why: Thankfulness and Joy
Joy? In prison?

Acts 16:

- no synagogue
- Paul and Silas in jail



Philippians 1

How does Paul describe himself (and Timothy)?(1:1)

Do we see ourselves this way – in relation to others?

How does Paul describe the Philippians?(1:1)

Do we see others (and ourselves) in this way?

How does Paul describe the Philippians in relation to himself?(1:5)

Do we see other Christians in this way?

In what are all these relationships rooted? (1:7)

For what does Paul pray? (1:9-11)

What benefits does Paul describe coming from his imprisonment? (1:12-14)

Do you expect to meet some Roman guards in heaven? Who else may be in heaven that you would not expect at first?

*What “imprisonments” do we experience?
What benefits are coming from them?*

Paul describes two groups of preachers (1:15-18) Who are they?

What are some wrong reasons to preach Christ?

Is preaching Christ for the wrong reason the same as preaching Christ wrongly (preaching incorrectly about Christ)? Why/why not?

Paul expects “deliverance” from his imprisonment (1:19). In what two ways does he mean? No matter the specific outcome, on what does Paul depend? (1:19)

What is the difference? What is the same? (1:20-26)

How does it seem Paul views his imprisonment?

How can we maintain this attitude about our own circumstances?

Paul encourages the Philippians in the Christian life (1:27-30)

What specific encouragements does he give?

What does it mean to live “worthy of the Gospel of Christ?”(1:27)

How many times does Paul use “joy” in chapter 1?

Paul is in prison. How does his joyful letter encourage the Philippians?

How does the joy of others encourage you?

How can your joy encourage others?

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now... Philippians 1:4-5