

PHILIPPIANS

LESSON ONE INTRODUCTION

Author: Paul
 Place of Writing: Rome (in prison)
 Date of Writing: AD 61
 Audience: Church at Philippi
 Purpose: To express gratitude
 To encourage faithful Christians
 To warn of error

Background...

- I. Philippi
 - A. The city of Philippi was founded by Philip of Macedon, father of Alexander the Great.
 - B. It was the city where Brutus and Cassius were defeated by Augustus and Marc Antony.
 - C. In Paul's time, it was a Roman colony with a military outpost.
 - D. It was a prominent city in the region of Macedonia.
 - E. It had only a small Jewish population – there was no synagogue.

- II. Paul in Philippi
 - A. Second Missionary Journey
 1. Paul and Silas (Acts 15:40-41)
 2. Visited previously established congregations in Asia Minor
 3. Acquired Timothy in Lystra (Acts 16:1-5)
 4. Forbidden by the Holy Spirit to continue in Asia (Acts 16:6-7)
 - B. The Macedonian Call
 1. Paul saw a vision of a man from Macedonia pleading for help (Acts 16:8-9)
 2. Thus, they traveled into Greece and the Gospel began to be preached in Europe (Acts 16:10-12).
 - C. The Church in Philippi
 1. First converts – Lydia and her household (Acts 16:13-15)
 2. A demon cast out (Acts 16:16-18)
 3. Paul & Silas arrested and beaten (Acts 16:19-24)
 4. Conversion of the Philippian jailor (Acts 16:25-34)
 5. Paul & Silas freed (Acts 16:35-40)

- III. The Book of Philippians
 - A. Chapter 1 Joy in the Lord
 - B. Chapter 2 Joy in Imitating the Lord
 - C. Chapter 3 Joy in Enduring for the Lord
 - D. Chapter 4 Joy in Serving the Lord