

Philippians: Letter of Joy Philippians 1:1-6

Fast Facts on Philippians

Author: Apostle Paul of Tarsus

Setting: Written from Rome (prison) to the Macedonian (northern Greece) church of Philippi

Date: 61/62 A.D.

Key Word: Joy (16 times)

Key Phrase: “to live is Christ”

Theme: A letter of comfort

The Historical Setting for the Book

→ Acts 16

→ Acts 28

Some Themes in Philippians

- The Gospel proclaimed through our suffering
- Jesus-Jesus-Jesus: Having His Mind, knowing Him personally, and having His peace
- Joy in the midst of life circumstances
- Unity in the local church family
- Confidence in Jesus, not our abilities
- Avoiding both legalism and license
- Contentment and God’s provision

▪ Introduction to the Letter 1-2

We are all “*servants*” of Jesus.

→ An important reminder to leaders!

We are all “*saints*” in Christ Jesus.

We all live under God’s “*grace...and peace*”.

▪ We should be thankful for the privilege of serving the Lord together. 3-6

1. Thankfulness for each other in the Body (3)

2. Prayer for each other in the Body (4) Continuous and Comprehensive prayer.

3. Participating in the Gospel together (5) Financial (2 Corinthians 8) and Spiritual

4. Growing in Christ together (6) Personal and Corporate