

Series "Joy In Christ"
"To All The Saints"
Philippians 1:1-2
Part-1

Within this letter is the secret revealed:

"How to experience 'Joy' in the most difficult times in life."

Joy In Living:

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

**Apostle Paul writes from a Roman prison cell, falsely accused, as a troublemaker. Despite circumstances, despite people, Paul has great Joy! The reason is that Paul had "Joy In Living!" Mind – 10 times
Philippians 1:20-21**

**Paul knew that "Suffering Produced Progress of the Gospel"
Philippians 1:12 greater progress of the gospel,**

Suffering Produced Faith of the Gospel:

Philippians 1:27

one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

Verses 1-2 Salutation: Introduction of Philippians.

Verses 3-8 Thanksgiving:

Verses 9-11 Prayer:

Thought Of Our Passage: "Grace Is What God Is Like, And His Peace Is What Happens When We Experience It."

1. Verse 1 The Servant:

2. Verse 1 The Saints:

3. Verse 2 The Salutation:

1. Verse 1 The Servant:

Philippians 1:1 Author:

Paul - All throughout the letter Paul gives reference to himself.

Especially, in **Philippians 3**, his name only appears **twice**;

1st person pronouns are used "*I, me, and my*" **116 times**.

Acts 9 Paul had previously been called **Saul** – "*Proud*"

He was a Pharisee of Pharisees. His name, after his conversion, was changed to

Paul - "*small, little*" **Ephesians 3:8 "the very least of all saints"**

Date: (Time) 59-62 AD. (Paul has not seen these believers in 5-6 years)

Location of Letter: Paul was writing from Rome.

Written during a 2-year term. (**Acts 28:30; Philippians 1:13, 4:22**)

"Prison Epistle." Four letters during this time.
Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, and here **Philippians. (1:12-14,17)**

Background: The Church at Philippi

1. Established by the Missionary Team of Paul, Silas, Timothy & Luke.
(Acts 15:35 -16:10)
2. 1st convert - Lydia and her household. **(Acts 16:12-15, 40)**
3. A demonic exorcism landed Paul in jail, where the jailer and his family became Christians. **(Acts 16:16-39)**
4. The church loved Paul and financially supported his ministry after he left them.
(Phil. 4:14-17)

Purpose:

1. To relieve anxiety over Paul's imprisonment by showing how it resulted in the furtherance of the Gospel **(1:1-30)**
2. To encourage unity in the Church at Philippi **(2:1-8)**
3. To inform the Church of Timothy's impending visit **(2:18-24)**
4. To explain how Epaphroditus illness had hindered his return to them
(2:25-30)
5. To warn them about the deceit and heresy of the Judaizers **(3:1 - 4:1)**
6. To admonish two women to stop quarreling **(4:2-3)**
7. To offer an antidote to anxiety - Prayer **(4:4-9)**
8. To thank them for their financial support **(4:10-20; 2 Cor 11:8-9)**
9. To express brotherly love and personal greetings **(4:21-23)**

and Timothy – his name is derived from two Greek words, "*honor*" and "*God.*"
Timothy honored God, and God honored him,

bond-servants of Christ Jesus,

Notice that Paul writes as **bond-servants**, not as an apostle, as he did in his other epistles. Paul omits "apostle" here, **1,2 Thessalonians and Philemon.** Paul appeals as a friend, in his love

bond-servants – literally slaves, "*slaves of Jesus Christ*" (*bought and owned*).
But here is a slave of Jesus Christ.

Four times "bonds" is used – 7,13,14,16

Basis Of A Bond-Servant: Exodus 21:5-6 (Bond-Slave service by love)

Exodus 14:31 "His servant Moses."

Judges 2:8 Joshua, the servant of the LORD,

Jesus said, **Matthew 23:11**

2. Verse 1 The Saints:

Philippians 1:1 to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi,

Written to: The believers of Philippi and those who have received Jesus Christ.

to all the saints - *"Set apart one's" or "consecrated, holy, sacred, true believer."*
This is not speaking of personal character, but speaks of positional standing by Christ. Reserved for Jesus Christ.

**Saints Is The OT Equivalent To The People Of Israel/God:
Leviticus 11:44-45; 1 Corinthians 1:2**

Ephesians 5:3 as is proper among saints;

in Christ Jesus - In Paul's writings, he uses this phrase and similar.

"In Christ Jesus" 48 times

"In Christ" 34 times

"In the Lord" 50 times

Theme: *"The Epistle of Joy" "Joy of Living" "Joy In Christ"*

John 15:11; Romans 14:17; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 John 1:4

Key Words:

**Jesus Christ – 19 times, Mind – 16 times, Christ Jesus – 15 times,
Joy – 13 times, Glad – 13 times, Rejoice – 10 times, Gospel – 9 times**

Key Passage: Philippians 3:1, 4:4

Key Chapter: Philippians 2 The example of the Son of God

Outline:

Philippians 1 – Joy In Living:

Philippians 2 - Joy In Serving:

Philippians 3 - Joy In Sharing:

Philippians 4 - Joy In Resting:

who are in Philippi,

It was on the highway between Europe and Asia

Acts 16:6-40 Paul's call and the occasion of Philippi
(10 years has past since Paul's founding of the church.)
Paul imprisoned in Philippi **Acts 16:23-39**

Acts 16:9-10 (Europe the cradle of Christianity, the gospel going forth)

Lydia – Asian, Was in the upper crust of society.

The Slave Girl - Native Greek. The girl was a slave.

The Jailer - Roman citizen. Member of the Roman middle class

including the overseers and deacons: This is the only epistle in which the office of **overseer** and **deacon** is separately mentioned.

overseers - *"bishops, elder-presbyter, pastor, superintendent and manager, used interchangeably"* means "to look upon or after" placed over ministries.

Pastor/Shepherd is to feed and care for.

Feed the flock with the Word, protect, lead, and guide. **1 Peter 5:1-2**

deacons – compound word "through" and "dust" idea of service that kick up dust, whirlwind service minister. **(Acts 6:1-7) Acts 6:3-4**

1 Timothy 3:8-13, deacons have the same qualifications as an elder or overseer. The only difference is the ability to teach.

3. Verse 2 The Salutation:

Philippines 1:2 Grace to you - *Common greeting* - It meant "greetings"

Paul changes the form of this Greek word to a noun form; the difference is slight, but the meaning is great.

1. *Grace is an attitude.* It is giving and receiving what is not deserved.
2. *Grace is an activity.* It is action, it is doing.
3. *Grace is an accomplishment.* It is done.

Ephesians 2:8-9

and peace – literally "to bind together" With God this is the result of His grace,

Total well-being not temporary. It is a peace with others, self, and God.

from God our Father

The Father is the source.

and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace are due to Jesus Christ on the cross.

He provided grace for us.

Application:

1. As Soon As We Are Called Saints, We Are Called To Be Saints.
2. The Distinction Of Being A Saint And Being Saintly Is The Position Versus Practice. All Christians Are Saints, But Not All Are Saintly.
3. There Is No Peace Without Grace.