



Part 1: Right Perspective

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All scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Paul wrote the letter from Prison. (Philippians 1:7,13,17)

Most likely imprisoned in Rome. (Philippians 1:13)

Written between 55A.D.-62A.D.

Philippi was established in 356 B.C.

The city was very Roman both in culture and ethnicity.

Very little Jewish population.

Paul had no intention of starting a church in Philippi.

Paul was imprisoned during his time in Philippi

Church in Philippi supported Paul after he left.



ABOUT THE LETTER

Written by Paul.

The word **joy** (χαρά) Chara appears 5 times,

The word **rejoice** (χαίρω) Chairein appears 9 times

There are 104 verses in Philippians and half contain Jesus.

PAUL FINDS HIS JOY IN...

1. THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE ABOUT HIMSELF

Philippians 1:1a. (ESV)- Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

Word Study: Servants (δούλος)- one who is wholly committed to another.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (ESV)-Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.

2. THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE ABOUT OTHERS

Philippians 1:1 (ESV)-Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

Philippians 2:3 (ESV)- Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

3. THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE ABOUT THE SOURCE

Philippians 1:2 (ESV)- Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 15:11 (ESV)- These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

4. THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE ABOUT THE PAST

Philippians 1:3 (ESV)-I thank my God in all my remembrance of you

Acts 16:22-23 (ESV)-The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates tore the garments off them and gave orders to beat them with rods. And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely.

Philippians 1:12 (ESV)-I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.

Here is the Point: Joy is found with right perspective!