

HOW TO FIND JOY IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

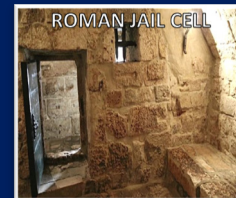
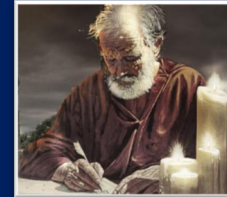


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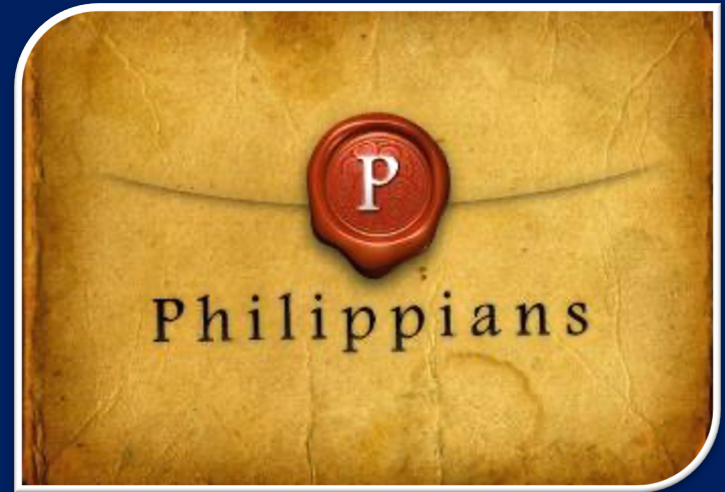
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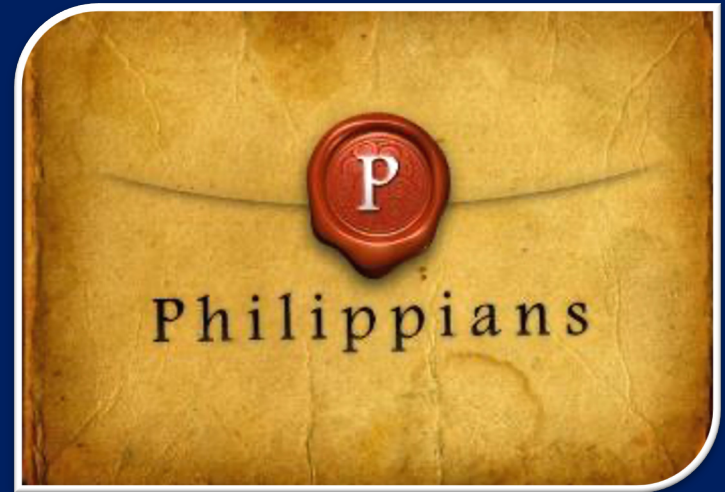
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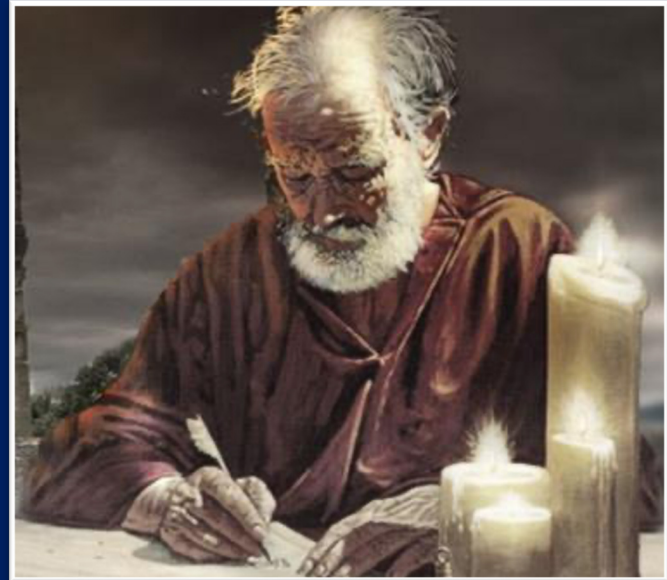
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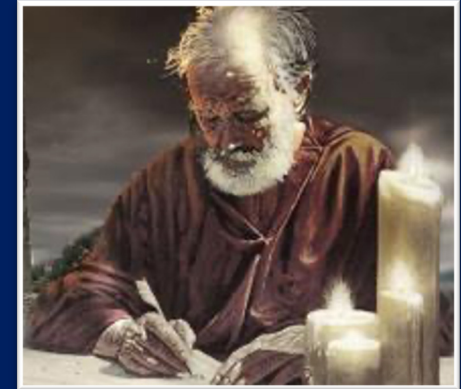
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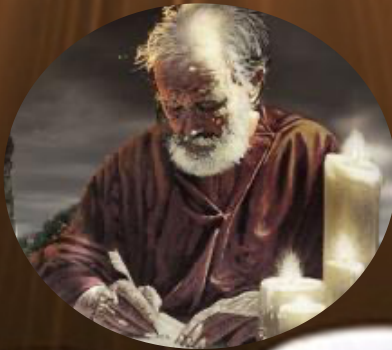
Pauline Authorship

- External: strong
- Internal
 - ◆ Paul (Phil. 1:1)
 - ◆ Timothy (Phil. 1:1; 2:19-23)
 - ◆ Pre-conversion life (Phil. 3:4-6)
 - ◆ 1st person pronouns throughout



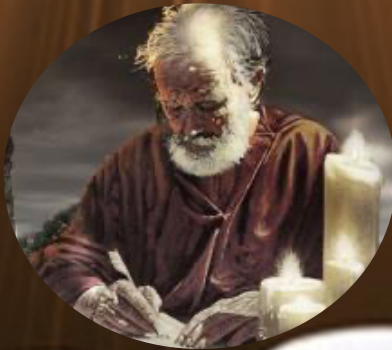
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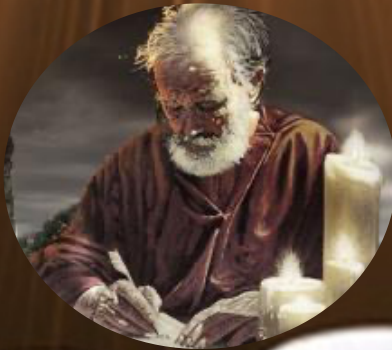
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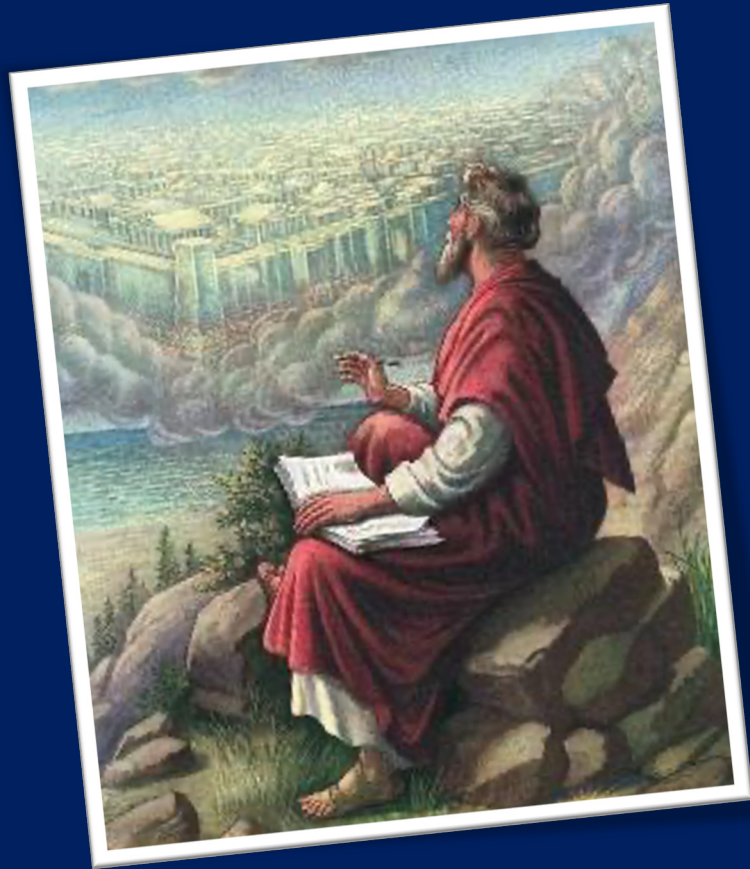


Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	<u>SANCTIFICATION</u>	Glorification
Tense	Past	<u>Present</u>	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	<u>Power</u>	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	<u>Philip 2:12</u>	Rom 5:10



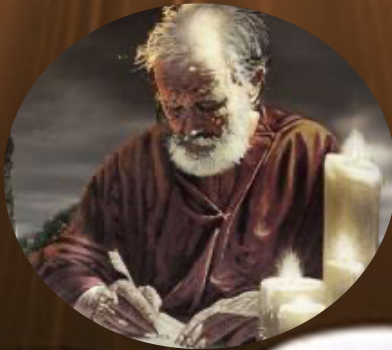
John 20:30-31



“Therefore many other signs Jesus also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

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ASIA MINOR

Corinth

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Destination

- Philippi (Phil. 1:1)
- Citizenship (Phil. 3:20)
- No synagogue

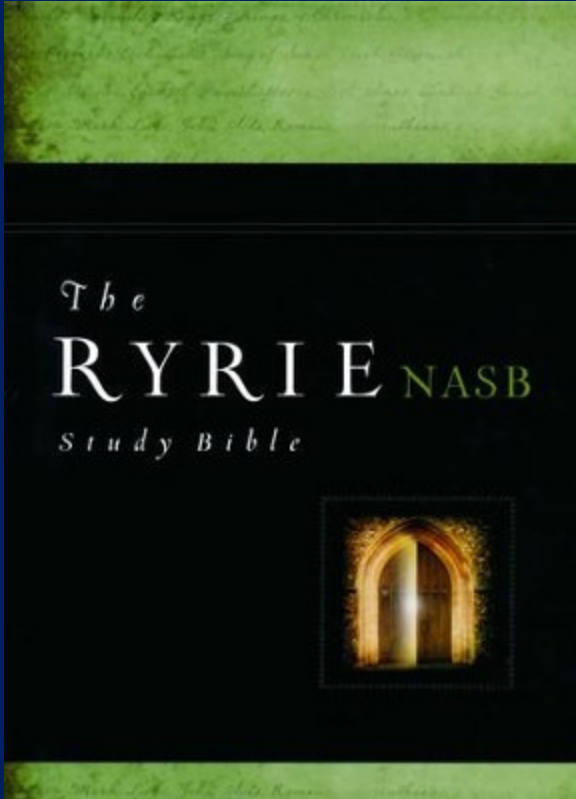




Charles Ryrie

The Ryrie Study Bible

Acts 16:13. “Apparently there was no Synagogue in Philippi, it required at least 10 Jewish men to organize one.”



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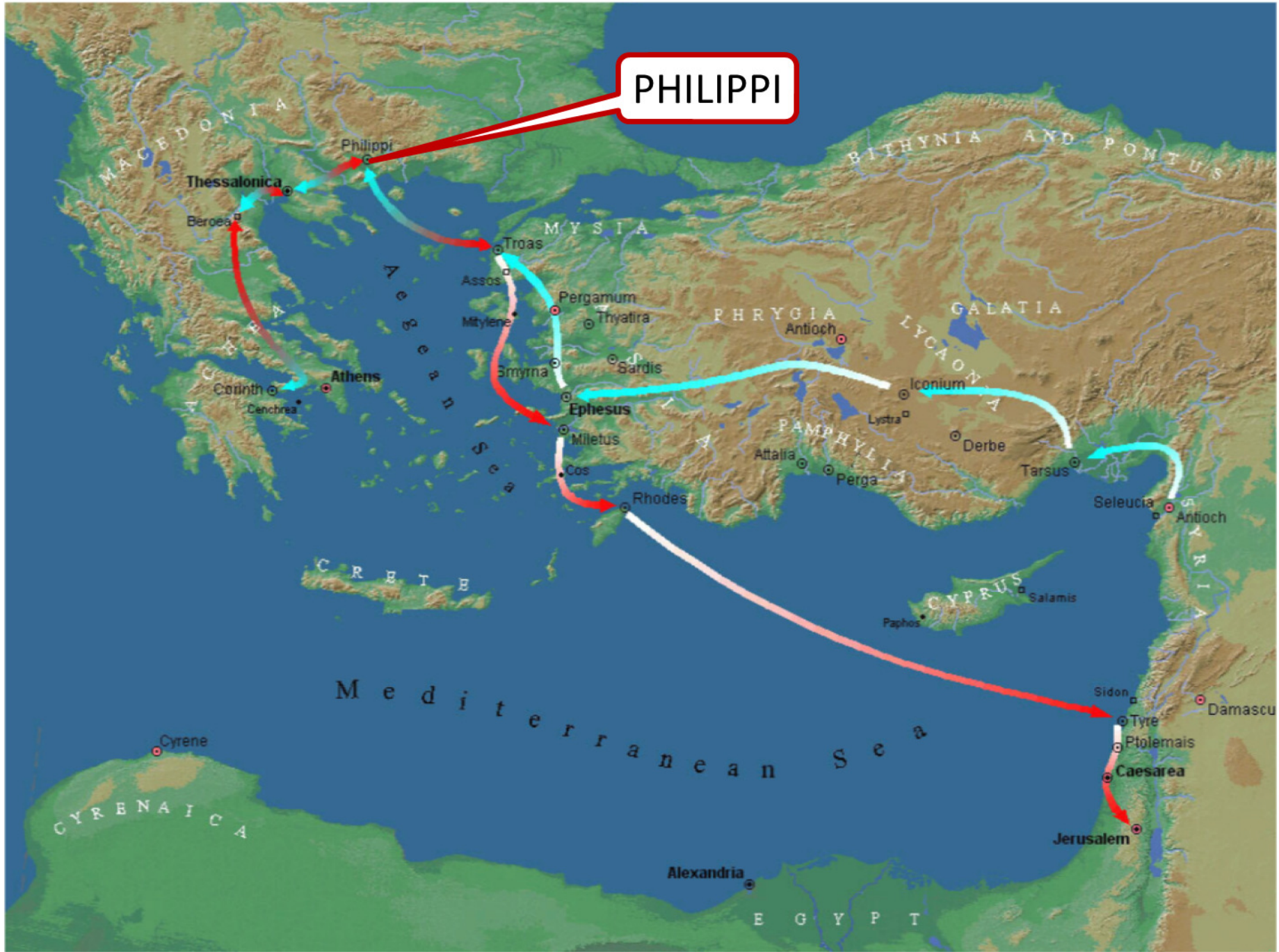
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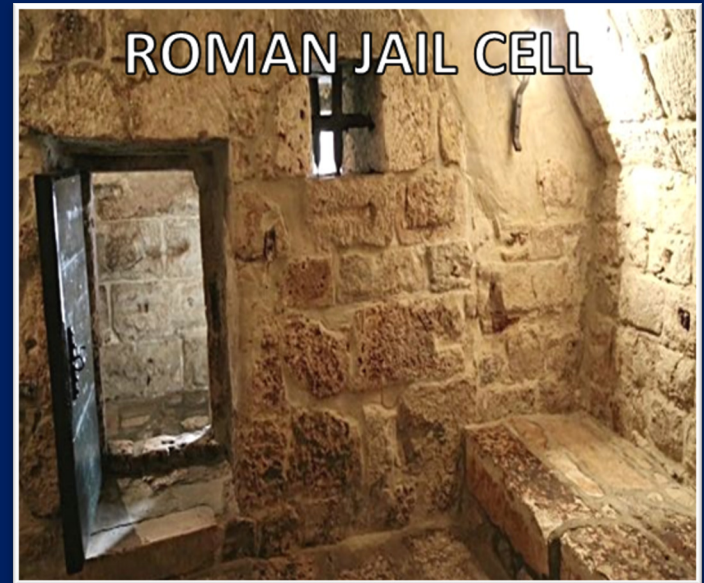


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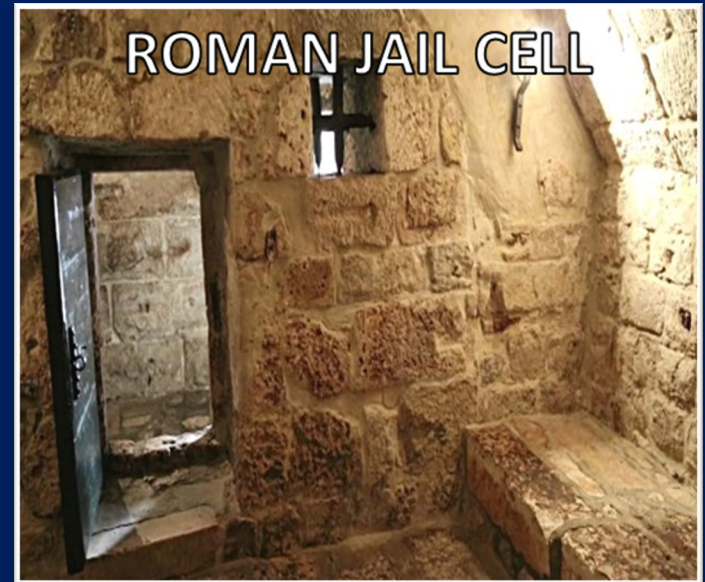
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(Acts 28:16-31)
- A.D. 62





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Order of Paul's Letters

1. Galatians (A.D. 49)
2. 1–2 Thessalonians (A.D. 51)
3. 1–2 Corinthians (A.D. 56)
4. Romans (A.D. 57)
5. Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon,
PHILIPPIANS (A.D. 60–62)
6. 1 Timothy, Titus (A.D. 62–66)
7. 2 Timothy (A.D. 67)

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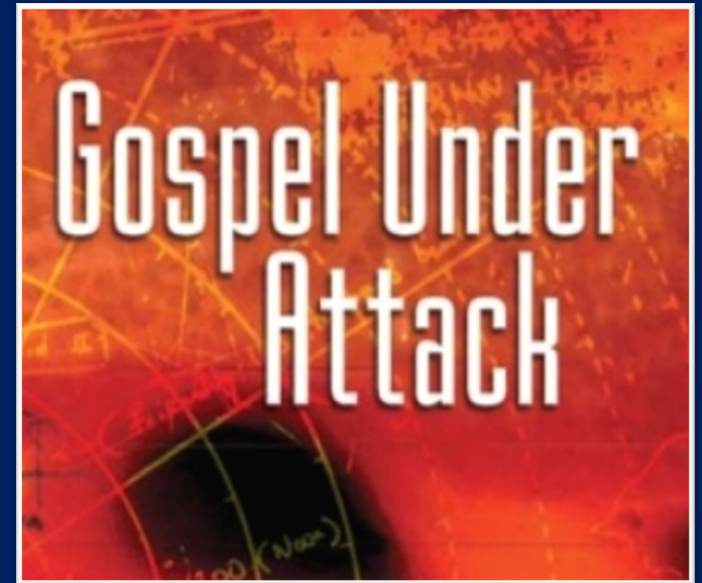
Occasion

- News of Paul's imprisonment reaches Philippi
- Epaphroditus comes from Philippi to Rome
- Word of Epaphroditus' sickness reaches Philippi
- Some Philippians came to Rome to express concern over Epaphroditus' condition
- Epaphroditus returns to Philippi



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Opponents

- Those in Rome preaching Christ out of selfish ambition (Phil. 1:15-18)
- Those in Philippi persecuting the new church (Phil. 1:27-28)
- Judaizers in Philippi (Phil. 3:2)
- Antinomians in Philippi (Phil. 3:19)



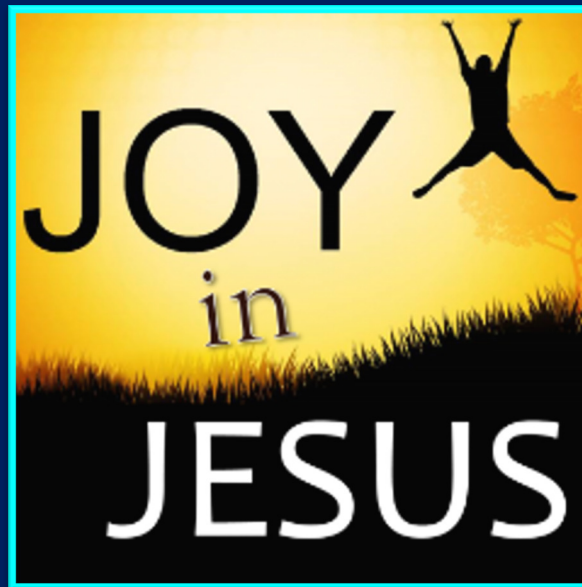
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Purpose

- Joy 18x
- Adverse circumstances (1:27-30)
- How to have joy during adverse circumstances



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Outline



CHAPTER 1

- God can use negative circumstances to bring about positive results

CHAPTER 2

- Christ's example of servanthood

CHAPTER 3

- Avoiding legalism

CHAPTER 4

- Reliance upon Christ's strength for daily life

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Message



JOY DURING ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES IS POSSIBLE AS BELIEVERS:

1. understand that God uses adversity to bring about positive results,
2. follow Christ's example of servanthood,
3. avoid legalism,
4. and draw upon divine resources for daily life.



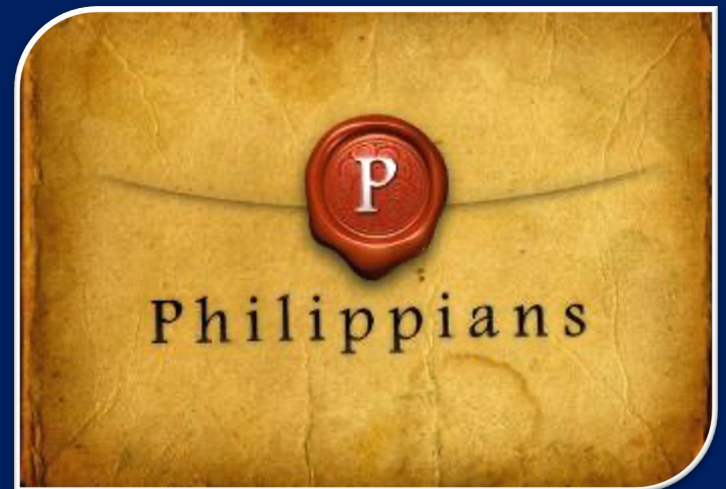
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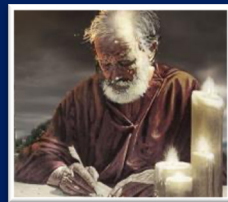
Unique Characteristics

- Personal pronouns
- Non-theological vocabulary
- Abrupt transitions
- Christology (2:5-13)
- Believer's thought life
- Military concepts
- Women leaders



Conclusion

Answering Ten Questions



- 1) Who wrote it? – **Paul**
- 2) To Whom was it written? – **The Believers at Philippi**
- 3) Where was it written from? – **Rome**
- 4) When was it written? – **A.D. 62**
- 5) What was the book's occasion? – **Five contacts**
- 6) Who are the opponents? – **Four opponents threatening joy**
- 7) What is the book's purpose? – **To give joy during adversity**
- 8) How is it organized (outline)? – **Four- part outline**
- 9) What is it about? – **Joy during adverstiy**
- 10) What makes the book different? – **Personal & informal**



“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” (NIV)