



Philippians
Lesson 1
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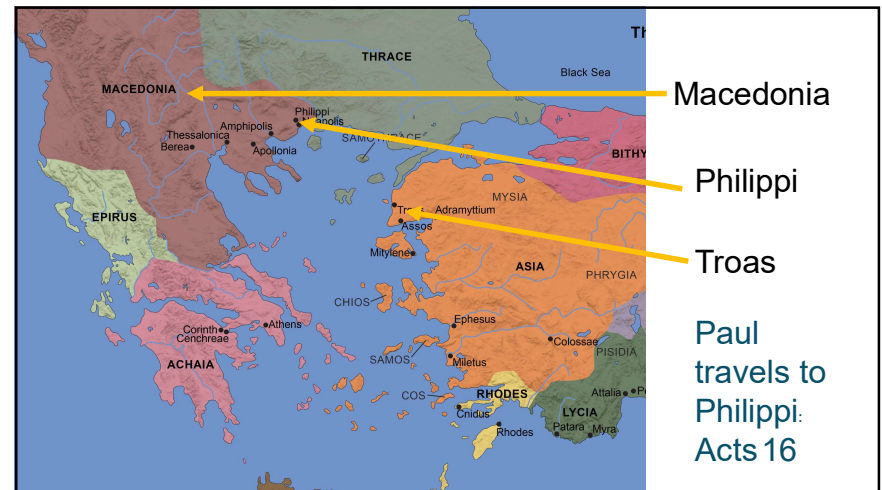
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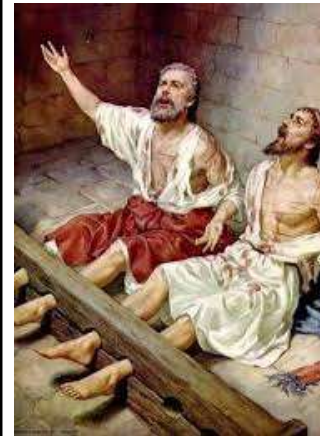
Macedonia
Philippi
Troas
Paul travels to Philippi: Acts 16

Acts 16:13 "...a riverside where....there would be a place of prayer..."

Ezekiel 1:1 [During the Babylonian captivity] Ezekiel said, "...while I was **by the river Chebar** among the exiles, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God."

Psalm 137:1 "**By the rivers of Babylon**, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion."

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Paul & Silas in the Philippian Prison

Acts 16:25 "But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to God..."

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The development of the church in Philippi:

- Acts 16:14-15 Lydia is the first convert, and her household; possibly the other women who met at the riverside
- Acts 16:16-24 Possibly, the young woman freed from demon possession
- Acts 16:30-34 The jailer and his household
- Acts 16:40 The brethren at Lydia's house

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Acts 28:16 “When we entered Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him.”

Acts 28:30 “And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters....”

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Phil 1:5 “participation in the gospel” (NAS)
“fellowship in the gospel” (KJV)

- **KOINONIA** = sharing, partner, fellowship
- used 18x in the NT, at least 4x included sharing financially
- sharing involves sacrifice

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Phil 1:7 “you are all partakers of grace with me.”

- **SUGKOINONOS** = sharing with; sharing together

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Phil 1:9-11 Paul’s prayer for them:

- **V.9** That their **love** would abound **in knowledge and discernment**
 - Love must be balanced with knowledge and discernment
 - Be very careful to define love as God does = wanting the best for the other person, but willing to confront sin.
- **V.10** That they approve the **things that are excellent**; able to **discern what is BEST** – speaks of priorities.
- **V.10-11** That their **conduct would be pure & blameless** until the day of Christ, **filled with the fruit of righteousness**.

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Phil 1:12-18 Paul's attitude re: his imprisonment

- v.12-13 The gospel has been advanced!
- v.14 Other believers are preaching the gospel!
- v.15-17 Some preach for wrong motives:
- v.18 Paul's response: "What then?"
So what?!?

"Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice."

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Phil 1:20 "Conduct...worthy of the gospel

- "conduct yourselves" = POLITEUOMAI
= behave as a citizen

Philippians 3:20 "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

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Phil 1:28 "In no way alarmed by your opponents..."

"The failure of the believers' enemies to intimidate them would be a sign of the final victory of the church as well as a sign of the unbelievers' ultimate destruction." Thomas Constable

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What is the Gospel?

- Gospel = good news, glad tidings
EUAGGELION → "evangelism"
- First, the BAD news:
- "all have sinned" (Rom. 3:23)
 - "no one does good" (Rom. 3:23; Ps 14:1)
 - the penalty for sin is death (Gen. 3:17; Rom. 6:23)
- Our sins have separated us from God.

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 - Christ paid the penalty for our sin with His death.
 - God raised Him from the dead as a proof that His payment for our sin was accepted. (Rom 4:24-25)
- “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.” John 1:12