

## PHILIPPIANS #1

### Philippi

- Western city, establishment of church followed eastern pattern
- Earthquake, Philippian church remembered its beginning!
- How long did he stay? 1 Th 2:2, persecutions in Philippi; Acts 16:12, 18.
- Left Luke there, Acts 16:40, Acts 20:5, still there some years later (but could have been elsewhere in intervening years)
- Acts 20:5; 2 Cor 2:13, 7:5
- Phil 2, Paul planned to send Timothy to Philippi
- Means that in 1 Timothy, may not have been in Ephesus very long

Praetorium, technical name for magistrate's house, Acts 23:35

- Caesar's household, identify imperial slaves who could be stationed anywhere in Empire
- Appropriate to Rome, but do not demand imprisonment in a governmental prison
- Was common for prisoners (especially in Paul's situation) to pay their own expenses

Peacemaking, perhaps some misunderstanding over Philippians' gift, perhaps they thought he was critical of the lapse in their support, or that he was unappreciative.

Paul was sensitive to a possible misunderstanding

Paul, old man, wondering if his ministry has been a success

Wanting to think so, seeing evidences, but small churches? Keep going; it is worth it.

Self-doubts, imprisoned, not clear how certain is his future release

Philippians, what will happen to Paul? What will happen to Christianity without Paul?

1:12-30; 2:14-18

What are the key points of the outline of the book? 1:27-30, theme

- Live in harmony with one another
- Live in the attitude of Christ
- You are able to stand on your own
- But there are good helpers available
- Here is what I know about what really matters
- Help resolve differences; live happy; depend on God; think good thoughts
- Conclusion: personal references

Paul's theology

- God, deity, Christ, Holy Spirit
- Gospel
- Mankind—intellect, emotions
- Christian life

## PHILIPPIANS #2

### Outline of first part of Philippians

- Salutation
- Laudation, praise/thanksgiving/prayer
- Personal commentary, 12-26, parenthesis = progress of gospel, your progress.
  - Not expected at this point in the traditional Greek letter form, is a very personal letter
  - Paragraph deals with Paul's "progress" but without using the word again
  - Three interrelated themes, progress of gospel, of Paul, of the Philippians
- Theme: 1:27-30

### What are the key points of the outline of the book?

1:27-30, theme

2:1-4, live in harmony with one another

2:5-11, live in the attitude of Christ

2:12-18, you are able to stand on your own

2:19-30, But there are good helpers available

3:1-4:1, here is what I know about what really matters

4:2-9, Help resolve differences; live happy; depend on God; think good thoughts

4:10ff, Conclusion: personal references, final greetings

### Theme, 1:27-30: Tracing key thoughts through the book

Live worthy of citizenship, stand firm [parenthesis]

- 1:27 [3:20-21]
- 1:27 [4:1]

As one, one spirit, one soul

- 1:27
- 2:1-4
- 2:5-11, serves as example of this point, is great doctrine but is used in Philippians as illustration

Contend in faith

- 1:27
- 2:12-18

Confident and bold in Christ

- 1:28
- 3:1-11, 12-16

Without fear in the face of opposition

- 1:28
- 3:17-19

Live worthy of citizenship, stand firm [parenthesis]

- 1:27 [3:20-21]
- 1:27 [4:1]

### 1:29-30, suffering and struggles [compare to 4:2ff]

Problems within

Various concerns, prayer brings the peace of God

Paul's personal challenges, grateful for help provided by the Philippians

God is our strength