



A HISTORY OF PHILIPPIANS (AND OF PAUL'S ACTIONS)

Paul's Letters	
35AD	Paul's conversion
46 - 48AD	Paul's First Missionary Journey
49 / 50AD	Paul attends the Council of Jerusalem
50AD	Letter to the Galatians
50 - 52AD	Paul's Second Missionary Journey
51/52AD	First Letter to the Thessalonians
52AD	Second Letter to the Thessalonians
53 - 57AD	Paul's Third Missionary Journey
56AD	First Letter to the Corinthians
56AD	Second Letter to the Corinthians
57AD	Letter to the Romans
57 - 60AD	Paul's arrest, imprisonment & journey to Rome
60 - 62AD	Paul in Rome awaiting trial before Nero
c.60AD	Letter to the Ephesians
c.60AD	Letter to the Colossians
c.60AD	Letter to Philemon
c.60AD	Letter to the Laodiceans (lost)
c.60AD	Letter to the Philippians
62 - 67AD	Paul's Fourth Missionary Journey
c.63AD	First Letter to Timothy
c.63/64AD	Letter to Titus
c.67AD	Second Letter to Timothy
c.67AD	Paul executed in Rome

- Philippians is towards the end of Paul's writings
- Why did Paul write the letter to them?
 - The Apostle Paul wrote this letter to thank the believers for the gift they had sent him. It is one of his most informal letters, and his overflowing love and affection for the believers is obvious.

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- What is the key theme to Philippians?
 - The primary theme of the letter is to encourage the Philippians to live as citizens of a heavenly city, growing in their commitment to serve God and one another

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PHILIPPIANS 1:1-2

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:

2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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PHILIPPIANS 1:3-6

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

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PHILIPPIANS 1:7-8

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

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PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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PHILIPPIANS 1:12-14

¹² Now I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually served to advance the gospel. ¹³ As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. ¹⁴ And because of my chains, most of the brothers and sisters have become confident in the Lord and dare all the more to proclaim the gospel without fear.

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