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Philippians

For me to live is Christ

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Background:

Author:

Date:

The city of Philippi:

Establishment of the church: Act. 16:12-40

Historic occasion for the letter:

Distinctive features of Philippians:

Themes:

Chapter 1

Opening and Introduction: 1:1-8

First exhortations to living Godly: 1:9-11

Concern for the gospel: 1:12-20

Paul's priority: 1:21-26

Conduct worthy of the gospel: 1:27-30

Chapter 2

Danger from within: A call to unity 2:1-12

Christ as the example: 2:5-11

Exhortation to follow His lead: 2:12-16

Further examples: 2:17-30

Paul: 17-18

Timothy: 19-24

Epaphroditus: 25-30

Chapter 3

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Paul's former life: 4-8

Pressing toward the mark: 9-17

A worldly perspective: 18-19

A heavenly perspective: 20-21

Chapter 4

Specific instructions to individual members of the church: 4:1-3

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Paul's farewell: 4:20-23