

**Bible Study: Segment Survey** (Part 1)

**1.** Determine the Segment (length of a chapter or so): PHILIPPIANS 1:27-2:18

**2.** How might this Segment be structured?

**3.** What Literary Genre(s) is/are present?

(Prose Narrative, Poetry, Parable, Discourse, Apocalyptic, Law, Prophecy)

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Additional Questions and Observations:

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**Bible Study: Segment Survey** (Part 2)

**4.** How do the sections of the segment relate to each other? How is the segment built?

a. Are there Recurring themes, phrases, or words?

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b. Is there Contrast (but, however) or Comparison (like, as)?

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c. Is there a Climax of the segment?

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d. Is there movement from General-to-Specific or Specific-to-General?

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e. Is there movement from Cause-to-Effect (therefore, thus) or Effect-to-Cause (for, because, since)?

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f. Is there a Statement of Purpose/Means-to-End move (In order that, so that)?

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g. Is there Question-Answer or Problem-Solution?

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Questions based off of these findings:

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h. Is there Introductory/Preparatory material?

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i.

Are there any Summary statements?

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j. Is

there a Pivot/radical reversal?

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5. Is the segment built with any literary elements of form?

a. Interchange (material in an a-b-a-b order)

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b.

Inclusio (repetition of word or phrase at the beginning and then end of a section)

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c.

Chiasm (material in an a-b-c-b'-a' order)

Intercalation (one literary section inserted in the middle of another section)

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6. What are the Key Passages/Verses of the segment (especially relating to #3)?

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7. Other major observations and questions? (Note the **tone** of the Segment)

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8. What are the main questions to answer (1-3)?

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## Philippians Book Survey

*(This is not necessarily the “right answer.” There are other potential outlines, but this is how I currently see it structured.)*

1:1 – 1:11	1:12 – 1:26	1:27 – 2:18			2:19 – 2:30		3:1 – 4:1		4:2 – 4:23			
Intro & Prayer	Paul’s Situation in Prison = Victory!	Live Worthy of the Gospel			Timothy & Epaphroditus		Staying True to the Lord Vs Following Other Examples		Concluding Encouragement & Thanks			
O p e n i n g G r e t i n g s 1: 1- 2	1:3-11 Thank sgivin g and Prayer	1:12 -19 Vict ory Thro ugh Impr ison ment	1:20 -26 Vict ory in Life or Deat h	1:27 -2:4 Call to Unit y	2:5- 11 Chri st Poe m	2:12 -18 Wor k Out your Salv atio n	2:1 9-2 4 Ti mo thy	2:2 5-3 0 Ep ap hro dit us	3:17- 4:1 Etern al Focu s Vs Earth ly Focu s	4:2-9 Encou ragem ent to Unity, Joy, and Peace	4:10-20 Thanks for the Philippi ans’ Generos ity	C l o s i n g G r e t i n g s 4 : 2 1 - 2 3

### Key Structural Relationships:

1. **Recurring Themes or Words:** “Joy/Rejoice”, “Unity/Fellowship”, Love/Tenderness/“Dear Friends/Dear Brothers”, Examples of Faithfulness, Opponents/bad examples.
2. **Cause-to-Effect:** Paul’s situation in prison should cause us to live like Christ – “worthy of the Gospel” and “true to the Lord”.
3. **Comparison:** Examples of faithfulness (esp. of Christ) compared to our own lives.
4. **General-to-Specific:** General statement “Live worthy of the Gospel” (1:27) is specified/unpacked in the section to follow (1:28-2:18).

**Specific-to-General:** The specifics of how to live in 3:1-3:21 is generalized/pack-up in the phrase “Stay true to the Lord” (4:1).\_