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“These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”

- *John 15:11*

“For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

- *Romans 14:17*

“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

- *Romans 15:13*

“In the Trinity Term of 1929 I gave in,  
and admitted that God was God, and knelt  
and prayed: perhaps, that night, the most  
dejected and reluctant convert in all England.”

- C. S. Lewis

*Surprised by Joy:  
The Shape of My Early Life*

# Background of Paul's Letter to the Philippians:

- City of Philippi founded in 356 BC
- Named after Philip of Macedon,  
the father of Alexander the Great
- Church at Philippi planted approx. 52 A.D.

# Background of Paul's Letter to the Philippians:

- Paul's second missionary journey  
[Acts 16:9-40]
- Letter to the Philippians most likely written  
by Paul, around 62 A.D., from prison  
in Rome
- Nero was the emperor













# ASIA MINOR

AEGEAN SEA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

GREECE

Philippi

Beroea

Thessalonica

Nicopolis

Amphissa

Aegium

Corinth

Athens

Cenchreae

Ephesus

Laodicea

Hierapolis

Colossae

Iconium

Lystra

Derbe

Miletus

Halicarnassus

Cnidus

Rhodes

Myra

Antioch

Antioch

Seleucia

Salamis

Paphos

Hamath

Gebal

Sidon

Tyre

Damascus

Halys R.

Maeander R.

Orontes R.

CRETE

CYPRUS

LEBANON

# Conventional form for Pauline letters:

1. Greeting

2. Thanksgiving

3. Prayer

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Philippians 1:1-11

“We are pleased by happiness,  
but we are transformed by joy. When we  
experience joy we often feel we have glimpsed  
into a deeper and truer layer of reality.”

- David Brooks

*The Second Mountain:  
The Quest for a Moral Life*

“The whole art of life, I sometimes think, is the art of knowing what to leave out, what to ignore, what to put on one side. How prone we are to dissipate our energies and to waste our time by forgetting what is vital and giving ourselves to second and third rate issues. Now, says Paul, here you are in the Christian life, you are concerned about difficulties, about oppositions and about the contradictions of life.

**“What you need is just this: the power to concentrate on that which is vital, to leave out everything else, and to keep steadily to the one thing that matters.”**

**- D. Martyn Lloyd Jones**



“It is a glorious revelation of how life in fellowship with Christ triumphs over all adverse circumstances. The triumph, moreover, is not that of stoical indifference. It is rather the recognition of the fact that all apparently adverse conditions are made allies of the soul and ministers of victory, under the dominion of the Lord.”

- G. Campbell Morgan

“A great deal can be learned from Paul’s prayers. From the things he asks for, the Philippian Christians [and we no less] could learn the greatest gifts to ask for themselves. Here those gifts are love, discernment, purity of life and righteousness.”

- Francis Foulkes