

## ***Encouragement During Unstable Times***

Philippians 1:1-2

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### **Reasons to study Philippians**

1. Philippians teaches us what it means to live joyful in unstable times.
2. Philippians teaches us how to live with our focus on God and heaven.
3. Philippians teaches us how to have peace when our circumstances seem bleak.

### **Background**

1. Philippians is a thank you letter.
2. This is a doctrinally deep letter.

### **Philippians 1:1-2**

1. Christians are considered slaves to Christ. v. 1a
  - Romans 6:17a, 18
  - I Corinthians 6:19-20a
2. Christians are also considered saints in Christ. v. 1
3. Christians are the constant beneficiaries of God's grace. v. 2a
  - a. The word **grace** is to remind the Christian of God's unmerited favor toward them. v. 2a
    - Romans 5:8
  - b. The word **grace** is to remind the Christian of God's unceasing forgiveness. v. 2a
    - Romans 5:20
4. Christians are the constant beneficiaries of God's peace. v. 2
  - a. Before we came to Jesus we were not in a peaceful relationship with God.
  - b. Grace gives us a peaceful relationship with God.