

PHILIPPIANS



JOY IN
CHRIST

Sermon Notes

Greetings From Paul

Philippians 1:1-2

1. Are you a slave of Jesus Christ? Are you bought with a price? Have you given up your rights? Are you submitted to God's agenda? Have you counted the cost to follow Christ? Study Luke 14:25-33, Luke 9:57-62, Romans 6:15-18, Matthew 6:24. Where do you risk being a slave to anyone or to anything else?
2. Are you living a Holy Life? Is there evidence that you are set apart from culture around you? Do you belong to a different order of things? Study **Colossians 3:12**, **Peter 1:13-16**. Is this what holiness looks like in your life?
3. Are you striving for Sainthood through your own efforts or through surrender to Christ?
1 Corinthians 1:30, Hebrews 10:10
4. Where do you search for Peace? Where are your thoughts fixed? What are some of your false resting places? (Marriage, children, friendships, health, success, finances) Where are you ignoring grace and as a result have no peace? (From God, With God, Toward Others)
Romans 5:1, John 14:27, Ephesians 4:31-32, Isaiah 26:3
5. When you think about peace, are you simply craving rest and relaxation or are you longing for Christ?
Psalms 42 and 43

Philippians 1:1-2: Greetings from Paul

1 This letter is from Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus.

I am writing to all of God's holy people in Philippi who belong to Christ Jesus, including the church leaders and deacons.

2 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

Overview

Author: Paul

Year: AD 60-62 while Paul was under house arrest in Rome-Acts 28:30-31

Recipient: church at Philippi-10 years old at the time-Acts 16:12-40...First Church on the continent of Europe-Acts 16:6-10

Philippi: Named after Philip the great, father of Alexander the Great...Gold mining area which made it vulnerable to attack...Conquered by Philip in 390 BC/Rome in 168 BC

Notable people and events: Acts 16...Lydia...Acts 16:14...Fortune telling slave girl...Acts 16:16-24...Earthquake jailbreak...Acts 16:25-34

Purpose: Express his thanks for their gifts-supported him financially while in prison...Explanation of Epaphroditus return...Encourage Unity...Tell them about his circumstances...main point of the letter is Joy...NOT written to correct bad theology or to address moral problems