

Introduction & Orientation

1. Discuss Your Observations & Questions 30 min.
2. Teaching 25 Min
3. Application Discussion

Overview of Philippians

1. What is general tone of letter & your 1st impressions?
 2. What can you observe about the recipients of the letter?
 3. What is the purpose and goal of the letter?
 4. What are some major (repeated) themes / significant (emphasized) teaching?
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1. General Impression & Tone?

- a. Philippians 1:1–11 (NASB95)
- b. *What was Paul thankful and Joyful over*

2. What can we learn about the people?

- a. A church engaged in _____
 - i. Philippians 1:3–5
 - ii. Philippians 1:7
 - iii. Philippians 1:29–30 (NASB95)
 - iv. Philippians 4:14
 - v. A _____ people.
 - vi. Philippians 4:14–16 (NASB95)
 - vii. CX 2 Cor 8:1-5 Generous Macedonians.
- b. Danger : _____ & opposition in the church
 - i. Philippians 4:2–3 ²
 1. Philippians 2:2–5 (NASB95)
 - ii. Philippians 3:2–3 (NASB95)



How was he going to address these issues?

3. What is the purpose and goal?

To have true _____ through faith in **Christ**, so that they can continue to _____ in the gospel of Christ, living in _____ for the sake of Christ's glory and His _____.

Side note : From MacArthur Study Bible :

Purpose : Paul had several purposes in composing this epistle. First, he wanted to express in writing his thanks for the Philippians' gift (4:10–18). Second, he wanted the Philippians to know why he decided to return Epaphroditus to them, so they would not think his service to Paul had been unsatisfactory (2:25, 26). Third, he wanted to inform them about his circumstances at Rome (1:12–26). Fourth, he wrote to exhort them to unity (2:1, 2; 4:2). Finally, he wrote to warn them against false teachers (3:1–4:1).

- a. To have joy through faith in Christ,
 - i. Philippians 1:25–26
 - ii. Philippians 3:1
 - iii. Philippians 4:4
 - iv. Philippians 4:10
- b. To fellowship in Paul's suffering for the greater progress of gospel
 - i. Philippians 1:12–14 (NASB95)
 - ii. *Philippians 3:12–17*
- c. To unify the church & have them walk worthy of Christ
 - i. Philippians 2:1–5
 - ii. Philippians 4:2–3
- d. For the sake of Christ's glory and His gospel.
 - i. Philippians 1:27 (NASB95)

4. What are the major themes and teachings?

- a. **Rejoicing in Christ 1:18 :**
 - i. Joy, Contentment, Peace, Boldness, Having an abundance, etc.
 - ii. Eternal Joy Perspective : In the day of the Lord,
 1. Philippians 3:20–21
- b. Humility & Unity

- c. Suffering & Affliction of Service
- d. Future Hope
- e. Peace and Contentment
- f. The gospel.
- g. Etc...

Optional Further Study

1. Read Acts 16 & 2 Cor 8:1-5 to learn about Philippians (Macedonians).
2. Try to outline the book. This helps you summarize & understand the flow of thought.

Next week

1. **** Philippians 1:3-11 ****
2. Please try to make as many observations & questions over passage. Come ready to 1) share your findings & discuss the questions.

Discussion Questions

1. Joy Conceptually |
 - a. Is it possible to obey a command to rejoice? How?
 - b. Does God want you to be happy? What is the difference (if any) between being happy and rejoicing in Christ?
 - c. ****Personally: Are you rejoicing in Christ? Are the sins/ brokenness of the world guiding your emotions?
2. Fellowship | Please take a moment to evaluate the kind of fellowship that you are engaged in. What is the typical commonality in your fellowship?
3. Paul is challenging a good & encouraging church to greater heights. In what aspect do you need to push even more than you are now?
4. General Bible : Where are you in your regularity, fruitfulness of bible study? What do you need to do to be consistent as we go forward?