

PHILIPPIANS ... > JOY IN CHRIST <

God's grace produces real results. What do you think that statement means to say?

Put your money where your mouth is. What point do people want to get across when they say something like that?

Just the facts...

- > Written by the Apostle Paul while in prison, the first time in Rome, 60/61 AD (house arrest)
Appealing to Caesar (Acts 25:1-12)

- > A thank you to the congregation for their generous support while away

- > Encouragement to stand firm themselves

- + Philippi: a prosperous Roman city along the trade route

- + Founded by Philip II, father of Alexander the Great (significance of this?)

- + Known for its gold mines...maintained expansion ability (significance?)

- + Place for retired Roman military...tend to be ____ which helps the country ...

- + Romans placed big emphasis on being Roman; implication for Christians...

- + First Christian congregation on the continent of Europe

- + Paul's Second Missionary Journey (49-51) ... Read Acts 16

 - Note how Paul ended up in Philippi

 - Note the significant events which took place while Paul was in this location (at least 3)

- + Revisited the congregation on his Third Missionary Journey (52-57)

- > Contains no OT Quotes

- > Clearly see the Doctrines of Justification and of Sanctification

Basic Summary of the Book:

Gospel Advancement at all costs

Press toward the Goal

Get along and be humble

Don't be anxious

Ability to do all things comes from God

*"How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!"*

Psalms 119:103

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CHAPTER 1

Focus 1-2 ...

Paul – what do we recall about him?

Timothy – what do we remember about him?

Saints –

Overseers and Deacons –

Grace and peace –

Focus 3-11 ...

Thank God –

Praying for others –

Joy –

Partnership –

Defending and confirming the Gospel –

Pure and blameless –

The fruit of righteousness –

Focus 12-30...

Paul's imprisonment positive? –

Christ is preached –

To live is Christ –

To die is gain –

Conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel –

Suffer for Him –

Discussion ...

The fact that we are dealing with God's Word to us implies what for our reading and learning?

Why is our 'world' seem to be so indifferent to the grace of God?

Was it always this way? Explain.

How has your prayer life made a difference in your life, in the life around you?

What role does Christian Education have in the growth of knowledge?

Agree or Disagree. Prison ministry does not produce long term results.

Comment on the following statement. As long as Christ is preached, it does not really matter what else is preached and so it does not really matter what church a person belongs to.

What are you looking forward to the most when it comes to heaven?

What are some things we can do to help encourage fellow Christians to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel?

