

THEME: REJOICING IN THE CHRIST WHO SAVED US

I. LET'S BEGIN WITH SOME INIATIAL OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THIS LETTER

1. Philippi is the *first* church established in _____ by God through the Apostle Paul & was founded on his _____ missionary journey.
2. Philippians is a deeply _____ letter.
3. The *timing* of this letter is about _____ after the establishment of the church there. About _____ AD.
4. There is a strong *emphasis* on the _____ : found ___x in the book with ___ mentions in chp one.
5. A *key concept found some* ___ x in various forms in the book is “_____ or_____”.
6. Two *key* verses are:
7. One of the greatest *Christological* passages in the bible is Phil. _____ & has been called the _____ passage by theologians because it speaks of Christ's humility in laying aside the use of His divine attributes in order to provide _____ for fallen man.
8. Philippians is one of 4 epistles written by the Apostle Paul while he was in _____ .
9. The Philippian church was a *model* church that was _____ committed to support the proclamation of the gospel of grace.

II. PAUL'S SALUTATION TO THE PHILIPPIANS (1:1-2)

A. The WRITER of this Letter is _____ (1:1a)

- What do we know about Paul?

B. His COMPANION in Ministry was _____ (1:1b)

- What do we know about Him?
- How do they describe them selves here?
- What can we learn from this?

C. The RECEIPIENTS of this Letter included:

1. all the _____ there (1:1c)

a. Their **spiritual** address: they are _____ (1:1d)

- What does this mean?

b. Their **physical** address: who are _____ (1:1e)

2. These saints were with the _____ and the _____ (1:1f)

- Why is this stated?

III. THE ORIGIN OF THIS CHURCH (Acts 16)

- What do we know about this city?

- Who were the first Christian converts in Philippi?

- So who was the man in Paul's vision that said, "Come over to Macedonia & help us"?

IV. PAUL'S GREETING (1:2)

A. The **GENTILE** greeting " _____ "

B. The **JEWISH** greeting ... "and _____ "

C. Who is the **SOURCE** of these two blessings?

- Is there any significance to the order of this greeting?
- What does all this mean to you?