



Paul's letter to the believers at Philippi



Through reading and understanding this letter we gain an insight into the living faith of believers in the first century ...those who were closest to the Lord Jesus Christ himself. God is wanting people like us today to believe just as they believed.

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Acts 16

- ◆ “Come over into Macedonia and help us!”
- ◆ Riverside believers – Lydia
- ◆ Slave girl
- ◆ Riot, arrest, beating, gaol
- ◆ Earthquake escape
- ◆ Gaoler converted
- ◆ Paul and Silas leave the city




Philippi

- ◆ Strategically placed Roman colony
- ◆ Obsessed with Roman citizenship!




Main Themes in the letter

- ◆ News about Paul's imprisonment in Rome
- ◆ Encouragement to “hold fast” in face of opposition
- ◆ News about Timothy and Epaphroditis
- ◆ Thanks for their generous gifts
- ◆ Strong and repeated reminders of the need for unity in the ecclesia
- ◆ Warnings about the Judaisers, who wanted to push the new Christians back into OT practices
- ◆ Many passages describing the lovely qualities of lives influenced by faith in God and knowing Christ




praise
Hardship
I can do all things
Love
Intelligent faith
Prayer
Peace / Press on
I spirit, I mind. 1 thing I do.
Agreement
Needs
Shine like stars




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Humility
Whatever
Beware
Cooperation



Paul's message to the Philippians...


Live life in Christ with integrity, joy and hope.



PTL 132 Philippians 3:1-7
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All I once held dear, built my life upon,
All this world reveres and wars to own,
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,
Spent and worthless now, compared to this –
Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love you, Lord.

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Now my heart's desire is to know you more,
To be found in you and known as yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All-surpassing gift of righteousness.
Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord

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Oh, to know the pow'r of your risen life,
And to know you in your sufferings.
To become like you in your death, my Lord
So with you to live and never die.
Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you,
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord – Love you, Lord.

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