

Find Your Joy in Living Worthy of the Gospel













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- V. (You) Rejoice in gaining and knowing Christ. 3:1–21
- Rejoice (again I say it) and stand firm in the Lord. 4:1–9
- I rejoiced in the mind (concern) you have shown me. 4: 10-20
- VII. Conclusion: All of us greet all of you in Christ. 4: 21 22

Philippians 1:21

"For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Philippians 1:27

"Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;"

Philippians 2:5

"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,"

Philippians 3:1

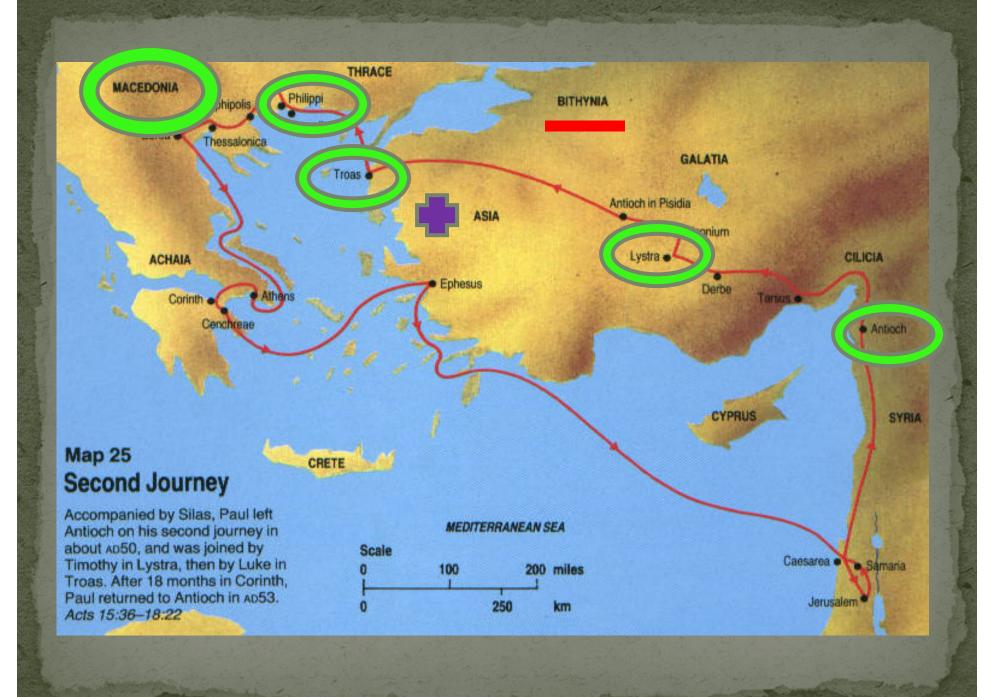
"Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things *again* is no trouble to me, and it is a safeguard for you."

Philippians 3:13-14

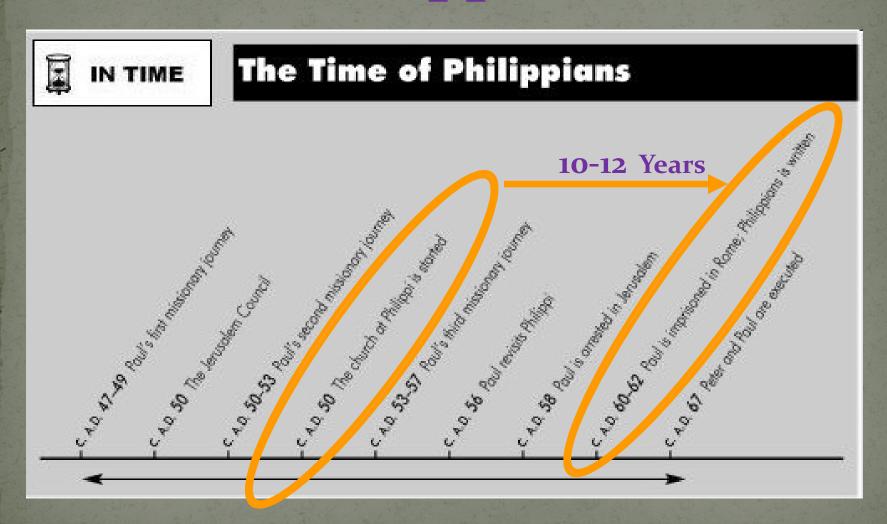
"Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

- Philippi was a town of Macedonia, about 9 miles from the Aegean Sea.
- It was located about 700 miles from Rome.
- Originally a Phoenician mining town because of it's proximity to gold mines located in the mountains, and on the island of Thasos.
- King Philip (father of Alexander the Great) took the city from the Thracians and gave it his own name (357BC)
- It was made a Roman colony by Octavius and Anthony in honor of their victory over Brutus and Cassius in 42BC.

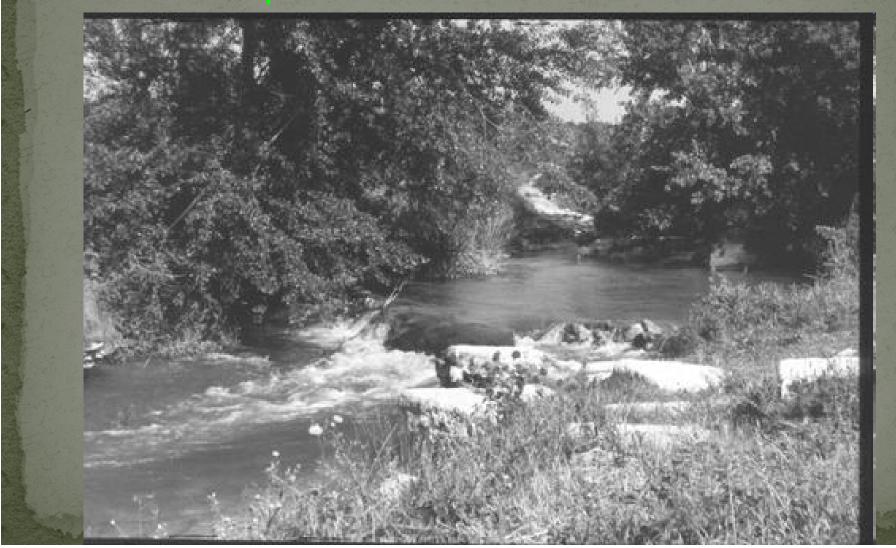
- It was the first church in Europe, established by Paul on his 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey, about AD 50 or AD 51 (Acts 16)
- Philippians is one of the "Prison Epistles," written in AD 61-63 (Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon)
- Key words
  - Christ (70 times)
  - Joy (18 times)
  - Mind (12 times)
  - Gospel (9 times)











# The agora of Philippi where the mob scene of Acts 16 took place.



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