
THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

AN OVERVIEW

Psalm 19:7

"The law of the Lord is perfect,

restoring the soul;

The testimony of the Lord is sure,

making wise the simple."

What a blessing to know that as we open God's word that we can be restored, we who are simple can be made wise, because His law is perfect and His testimony is sure. We can trust it, we can depend on it. It is proof of Who our great and awesome God is.

As you begin this study of Philippians, I'm so thankful that YOU have opted to spend time in His word, for there is nothing that builds more stability in our lives than His truth. I wish we were sharing around a big table, and studying together in person for I fully expect the Lord to speak to your heart, and I'd love to see and hear all He will do. He has a way to make the Word come alive to us, individually, right where we are. So, let's just pretend we really are sitting around a table together, enjoying this study together, and see what God wants to teach us. I've got my cup of tea and my Bible, are you ready?

Today we want to familiarize ourselves with the Book of Philippians, so please read through the entire book in one sitting. It only takes about 10 minutes since it's just 4 chapters.

Read it through, but read it with purpose - Think about who is writing this letter. Who is it being written to? Why is he writing to them? (Those questions are coming.)

After you have read it, here are the questions: (it's open book so you may certainly look back to find the answers!)

Who wrote this letter (1:1)?

Who were the recipients (1:1)?

Where was the author at the time? (1:7, 13)

What verse (if you can narrow it down to one) is your favorite right now, and why?

There are so many good verses that we can cling to in this book, aren't there? I'm excited for us to begin to look more deeply into them in the coming days. In the meantime, may the Lord find us faithful and diligent to stay in His word. There will be a hundred or more things that will try to steal our time away from Him. Let me encourage you to stay the course.

The Apostle Peter warns of life's distractions, and I echo his sentiment, when he says in 2 Peter 3:17-18,

"You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand,
be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men
and fall from your own steadfastness,
but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity.
Amen."

Oh that you would grow in His grace and knowledge, knowing God more deeply, and seeing anew His joy and peace as you study the Book of Philipians. God bless!