

# The Book of Philippians

<b>The readers' focus:</b>	<b>Rejoicing in Difficult Places</b>
<b>Date written:</b>	A.D. 60
<b>Who wrote the book:</b>	The Apostle Paul
<b>Type of book:</b>	Prison letter
<b>The book was written to:</b>	The saints at Philippi. A large number were gentiles and not Jews.
<b>Setting:</b>	The apostle writes this letter from prison in Rome

## CHAPTER 1

1. Paul greets saints, bishops, and deacons with grace from God and Jesus Christ (vs. 1-2)
2. Paul expresses heartfelt devotion for the Philippians while in a Roman prison (vs. 3-8)
3. Paul wants the Philippians to increase in love, knowledge, and righteousness (vs. 9-11)
4. Paul is in prison at Rome, but many in Rome are hearing the gospel as a result (vs. 12-18)
5. Paul asks the Philippians to pray that he will be delivered from prison (vs. 19)
6. Paul desires to visit the Philippians, but if he's executed it would only benefit him (vs. 20-26)
7. Paul desires the Philippians to stand together against suffering from enemies (vs. 27-30)

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## CHAPTER 2

1. Paul compels the church not to have disputes, but have a mind to serve others (vs. 1-5, 14-15)
2. Paul uses Christ as the example of humility and suffering (vs. 5-8)
3. Paul gives examples of the joyous elevation Christ received by staying true to God despite extreme suffering (vs. 9-11)
4. Paul wants the Philippians to be mature in his absence, knowing God is present (vs. 12-16)
5. Paul doesn't know if he will be executed, but God gives him grace to rejoice (vs. 17-18)
6. Paul ends the chapter with examples of other faithful servants and their ministries (vs. 19-30)

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## CHAPTER 3

1. Paul starts this chapter with our Readers' Focus: "To Rejoice In The Lord" (vs. 1)
2. Paul warns the church to beware of those who were perverting the gospel (vs. 2-3, 17-21)
3. Paul uses some of his life's accomplishments as an example to combat such false teaching (vs. 4-6)

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- Paul's accomplishments meant nothing to him and he considered them as "dung" just to have a relationship with Christ (vs. 7-14)
- Paul wanted the church to follow his example and give up all for Christ (vs. 15-16)
- Paul didn't want the Philippians to be led astray by those who promised them any other "way" (vs. 17-19)
- Paul tells the Philippians to expect their bodies to be resurrected at Christ's return (vs. 20-21)

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### - CHAPTER 4 -

- Paul wants them to "stand fast..." since they will be resurrected (vs. 4:1)
- Paul addresses some friction between two sisters-in-Christ (vs. 2)
- Paul encourages a brother-in-Christ to lend help to the women (vs. 3)
- Paul encourages the saints to rejoice and live an acceptable life before men as they wait for the Lord (vs. 4-5)
- Paul gives a necessary strategy for living the Christian life and overcoming (vs. 6-7)
- Paul gives a list of spiritual positives for the Philippians to think on (vs. 8-9)
- Paul rejoices again, but this time in a greater way. (vs. 10)
- Paul is encouraged at the saints who financially supported him and met his other personal needs (vs. 10-18)
- Paul assures those who gave, that God would meet their needs, also (vs. 19)
- Paul prays to the source of all mankind, which is God, but more importantly, He is a Father to the Philippians (vs. 20)

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11. Paul now gives closing remarks of how the Philippians are to greet every saint (vs. 21)
12. Paul tells the Philippians that all the saints in Rome (especially those who were servants in Caesar's palace) greeted them. (What a place to be!) (vs. 22)
13. Paul seals a quick prayer asking that all saints be given grace (vs. 23)

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**ASSIGNMENT:** Find the verse where Paul rejoiced greatly because the Philippians supported him. \_\_\_\_\_

### - OPTIONAL ASSIGNMENT -

- What caused Paul to say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me"?
- How do you understand this sentence: "[He] made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant"?

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