



PAULINE *Epistles*

**Welcome to a New Study on
Paul's Minor Epistles**

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Schedule of Books in the Study:

- Galatians
- Ephesians
- **Philippians**
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians

- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon

APOSTLE PAUL'S LETTER TO PHILIPPIANS



Also called, “Paul’s love letter to the Philippians”

Philippians 1:1 – 2 (ESV)

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



Paul establishes churches in Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea

Paul imprisoned

Luke joins Paul

Paul receives vision that encourages him to travel to Macedonia

Paul brought on charges before Gallio

Paul asks Timothy to join him in his work

Paul returns from Jerusalem to plan his next venture

Paul speaks to the Areopagus





The Via Egnatia



Background to the city of Philippi:

- It was mostly composed of Greeks.
- Jews were considered outsiders.
- The city was under Roman control.
- It's gold mines made it an important city.
- In about 356 BC, it was renamed Philippi after Philip II of Macedon, who was the father of Alexander the Great.
- It had a prominent school of medicine.
- It is believed by some that this is where Paul met Luke, the physician.

Background to the Letter:

Paul first came to Philippi around 52 AD on his second missionary journey.

Paul returned to Philippi on his third missionary journey in about 57 AD.

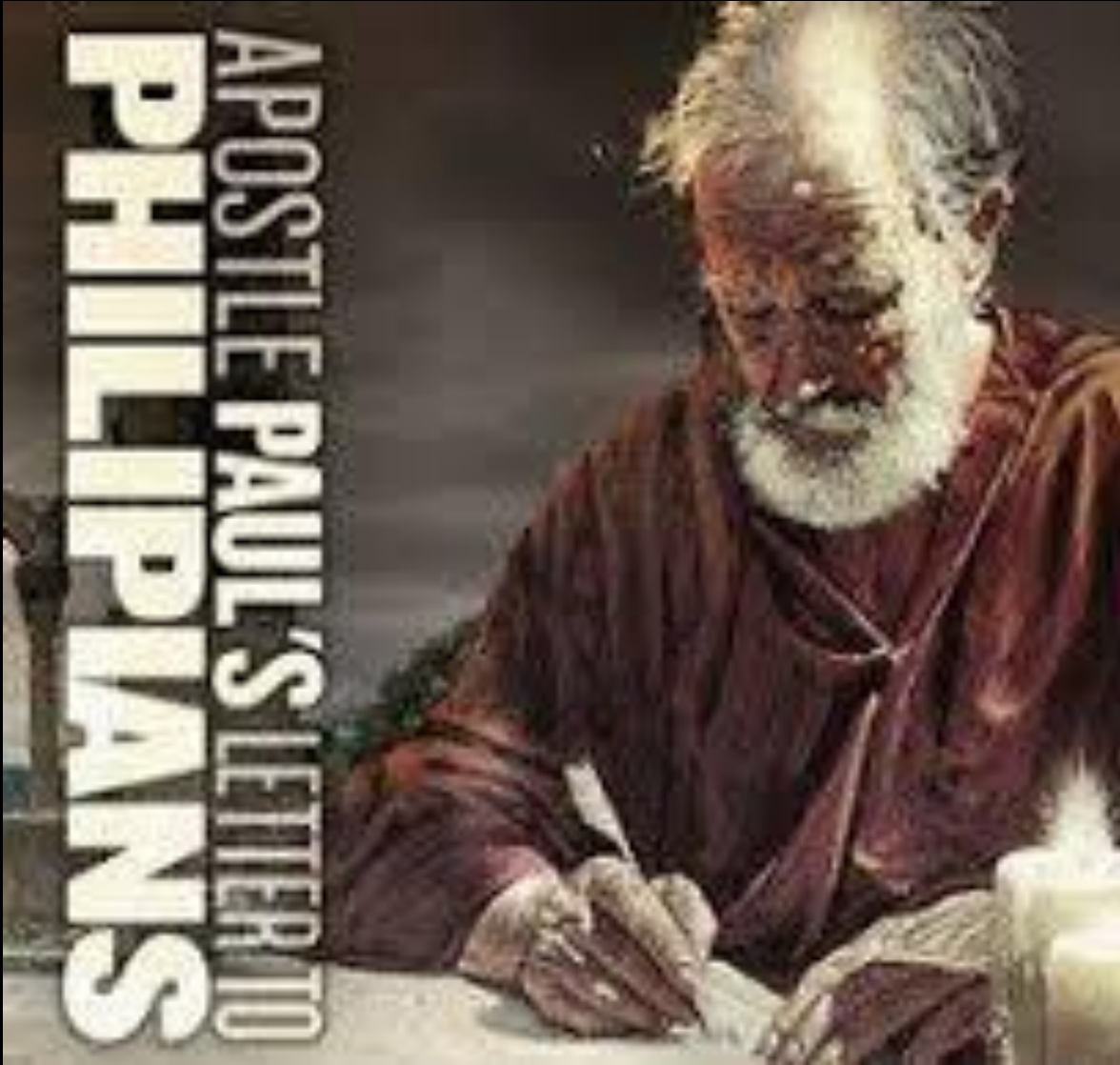
Philippi in the New Testament:

- Acts 16:6 – 40
- Acts 20:1 – 6
- 1 Thessalonians 2:2

Paul praises their generosity (2 Corinthians 8:1 – 5; 2 Corinthians 11:8 – 9)

Paul wrote the letter from prison in Roman.

He wrote the letter sometime around 62 – 63 AD.



Outline of the Philippian Letter

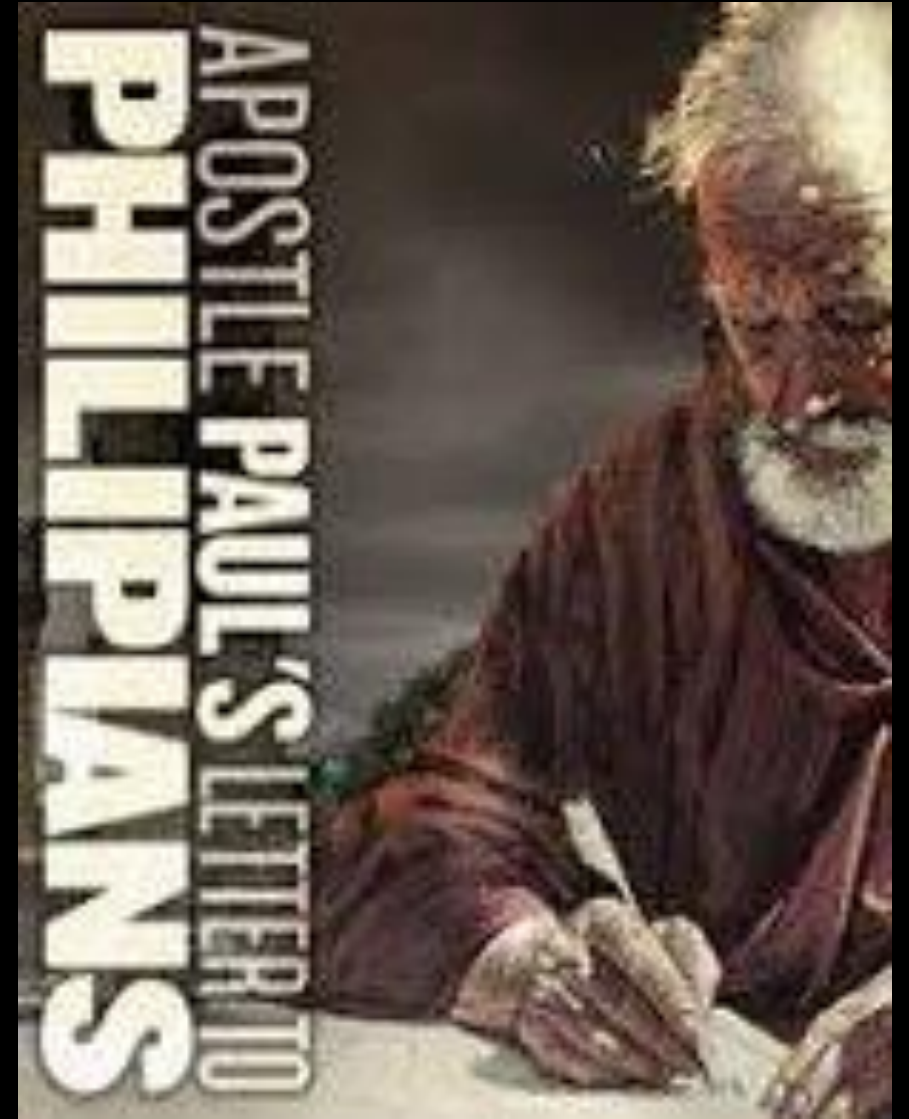
- Chapter 1: Single Mind
- Chapter 2: Submissive Mind
- Chapter 3: Spiritual Mind
- Chapter 4: Secure Mind

(*This outline is taken from Warren W. Wiersbe in his book, New Testament Expository Outlines.)

Second Outline of the Philippian Letter

- Chapter 1: **Paul's Current Circumstances**
- Chapter 2: **Having the Mind of Christ**
- Chapter 3: **Having the Knowledge of Christ**
- Chapter 4: **Having the Peace of Christ**

(*This outline is taken from Russel Hafner's class on Philippians through WVBS)



Key Verses:

5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5 – 11; ESV)

The Theme of the Letter

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. (Philippians 4:4 ESV)

Breakdown of the Letter:

- **Chapter 1: Single Mind**
 - Paul introduces his letter. (Philippians 1:1 – 2)
 - To be continued...