



Meet the Philippian Church

Philippians 1:1-11

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INTRODUCTION — A New Church Begins in Philippi!

- There is the element of **JOY** despite his circumstances.
- There is the element of **JESUS** in the midst of his circumstances.

LESSON — Meet the Philippian Church 1:1-11

I. THE CHURCH — What Were the Christians Called in Philippi? vs. 1-2

- The Story — How it all got started (Acts 16:6-34)
 - Lydia — A businesswomen vs. 14-15
 - A Slave Girl — demon possessed vs. 16-18
 - A Jailer — A prison warden vs. 25-34
- The Salutation — How Paul greets them (Philippians 1:1-2)
 - A Christian is a **SLAVE**.

“Paul and Timothy, **bond-servants** of Christ Jesus, ...”

1. A slave of Christ means you have been **CONQUERED** by God, and you are **INDEBTED** to Him.
2. A slave of Christ means you have no **RIGHTS** to your life.

A Christian is a **SAINT**.

“... to all the **saints** in Christ Jesus who are **in** Philippi, **including** the overseers and deacons.”

Point — A key to a joyful Church in Christ is our **RELATIONSHIPS**.

II. THE CHARACTERISTICS — How did Paul view the Church in Philippi? vs. 3-11

- He was **PASSIONATE** towards them. vs. 3-8
 - 3 ways to deepen gratitude and affection for God’s people*
 - 1. Paul focused much on the **GENEROSITY** of God. vs. 3-5
 - 2. Paul focused much on the **GREATNESS** of God. v. 6
 - 3. Paul focused much on the **GRACE** of God. vs. 7-8
- He was **PRAYERFUL** for them. vs. 9-11
 - 1. He prayed for their **PASSION** — overflowing love. (v. 9a)
 - 2. He prayed for their **PROGRESS** — love according to Biblical knowledge (v. 9b)
 - 3. He prayed for their **PRACTICE** — godly discernment (v. 9c)
 - 4. He prayed for their **PURITY** — godly living (v. 10)
 - 5. He prayed for their **PERSPECTIVE** — the glory of God (v. 11)

Point — A key to a joyful Church in Christ is our **PRAYING** for one another.