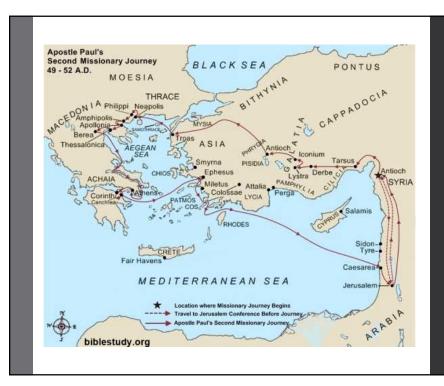
- Author: The Apostle Paul
- Recipients: The Church at Philippi
  - > First church in Europe, in the region of Macedonia in northern Greece
  - Founded by Paul on his second Missionary Journey, AD 51
  - Predominantly Gentile, with many prominent women
  - ➤ Very generous in their partnership with Paul through financial support

Background to Philippians



Paul's Second Missionary Journey (Acts 16)

- Time and Place of Writing: Most likely during Paul's imprisonment in Rome, AD 61 or 62
- Occasion (Reason for writing): Paul had several purposes in writing this letter, though no one issue seems to have reached the critical point such as the need to correct errors in Galatians or Corinthians
  - > To thank the Philippians for their sacrificial giving in support of his ministry
  - ➤ To send Epaphroditus back to encourage them that God spared him (Phil 2:25-30)
  - ➤ To warn them about the possibility of influence from the Judaizers (Phil 3:1-3)
  - ➤ To gently rebuke them for allowing a spirit of disunity (Phil 4:2-3)
  - ➤ To exalt Christ (Phil 2:5-11)

Background to Philippians

### I. Opening 1:1-11

- A. Salutation 1:1-2
- B. Thanksgiving 1:3-8
- C. Prayer 1:9-11

# II. Paul's Missionary Report 1:12-26

- A. Paul's Circumstances 1:12-17
- B. Paul's Attitude 1:18-26

## III. A Call to Sanctification 1:27-2:30

- A. Christian Citizenship 1:27-2:4
- B. Christian Humility 2:5-11
- C. Christian Obedience 2:12-18

### IV. Doctrinal Polemics 3:1-4:1

- A. Judaizers as the Context for Theology 3:1-6
- B. The Essence of Pauline Theology 3:7-11
- C. Practical Theology 3:12-4:1

### V. Final Concerns 4:2-23

- A. Exhortations 4:2-9
- B. A Word of Thanks 4:10-20
- C. Closing 4:21-23

Outline of Philippians