

“The Joyful Letter”

The Wondrous Motivation Of Servants And Saints

Philippians 1:1-14

The church at Philippi had a special significance for the Apostle Paul! It was the first church he founded in Europe (Acts 16:6-40). This “joyful letter” was written from a Roman prison (1:13; 4:22) c. A.D. 62 after receiving a gift from “your messenger” (2:25) Epaphroditus, a member of the Philippian church. The gift was meaningful (4:15), but Philippians is far more than a thank-you note. Rather, it is potent encouragement to this local church to pattern their lives after Christ (chap. 2) and to make progress in their faith (1:25) and unity (2:2; 4:2-3).

(Joy in Philippians 1:4, 18, 25; 2:2, 17, 18, 19, 28, 29; 3:1; 4:1, 4, 10)

I. Behind _____ In the _____ of _____.

II. The “en _____” as the _____ of joy.

III. The joyful _____ (and _____) to joy.

(Philippians: An Expository Commentary by James Montgomery Boice)