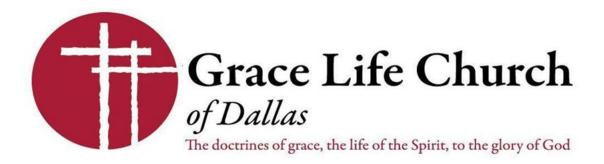


## **Psalm 127:3**

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward

# The Lord has gifted two more families in our fellowship:

The George's and the Herrera's are expecting and are both due around November



## **Introduction to Philippians Philippians 1:1-2**

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## **Philippians Introduction** Philippians 1:1-2

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

## **Philippians Introduction**

- Author (Paul) and his fellow servant (Timothy)
- Recipients (Church in Philippi)
- Greeting
- Overarching theme in the letter

### **Author & Fellow Servant**

#### The author of Philippians is Paul

- Paul the apostle (Conversion from Saul the Pharisee) Acts 9:1-18
- God chose a Christian murdering, self-righteous
  Pharisee to be His instrument to the Gentiles
  (Acts 9:15)
- Paul wrote 13 books in the New Testament
- Paul is writing this letter from prison in Rome (Prison Epistles along with Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon)

## **Author & Fellow Servant**

#### Paul and Timothy

- Paul's second missionary journey with Silas, Acts 16:1-3 Paul came also to Derbe, and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him
- Read more about Timothy (I & II Timothy)
- You don't have to wait until you are old to know and serve the Lord

## **Author & Fellow Servant**

#### Paul and Timothy, servants of Jesus Christ

- Paul & Timothy identify themselves as servants of Jesus Christ
- Servant (δοῦλος)-Bondservant (a willing, determined and devoted service)
- All true believers are bondservants of the Lord Jesus Christ (1 John 5:3)
- Paul begins his letter pointing to Jesus Christ & and ends his letter pointing to Jesus Christ
  - 1:23 For me to live is Christ

## The Church in Philippi

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons

- The church is the assembly of the believers, and all true believers are saints (Acts 9:13, 9:32)
  - Saint (Most holy thing): We are declared righteous (justified) by placing our faith in Jesus Christ (2 Cor 5:21 Double imputation)
- Paul is writing to the church at Philippi
- Paul's second missionary Journey (Acts 16:6-34)
  - V6-10 Macedonian Call (Europe/Greece) (Philippi City in Roman Colony)
  - V11-15 Conversion of Lydia
  - V16-24 Demonic spirit cast out/Paul & Silas imprisoned
  - V25-40 Jailer Converted

## The Church in Philippi

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons

- After Acts 16, Paul goes on other missionary journeys. He visits them again in Acts 20, then he is imprisoned. (Written AD 61)
- The church has grown and is organized with "*overseers and deacons*"
- The church is founded on the one true gospel (Acts 16:10), the church is evangelistic (Acts 16:15,32), the church is mission minded (Phil 4:15) and organized biblically (Phil 1:1)
- The church is fighting temptation of the world (Phil 2:15), guarding against false teachers (Phil 3:2), fighting to maintain the unity of the church (Phil 4:2), and they are in a constant battle to see Christ for who He really is

## The Greeting

Grace to you and peace from our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

- Grace to you-*By grace you have been saved through faith* (Eph 2:8)
- Experiencing God's grace brings great "peace"
- Grace and peace come from our Father God, through the Lord Jesus Christ (Gospel)
- Jesus Christ and the gospel are always at the forefront of Paul's mind. What better way to begin a letter to a fellow believer but reminding them of the grace and peace God has lovingly bestowed upon us.

### Main Theme

- Joy in Christ (1:25 Progress and Joy in the *Faith*)
- Joy/Rejoice are used 18 times in these 4 Chapters
- Finding our identity in Christ produces joy to His glory