



Grace Life Church *of Dallas*

The doctrines of grace, the life of the Spirit, to the glory of God

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**



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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 & 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

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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