

Philippi



- Meaning: new city formerly Crenides, "the fountain," the capital of the province of Macedonia.
- It stood near the head of the Sea, about 8 miles northwest of Kavalla. It is now a ruined village, called Philibedjik. Philip of Macedonia fortified the old Thracian town of Crenides, and called it after his own name Philippi (B.C. 359-336).
- In the time of the Emperor Augustus this city became a Roman colony, i.e., a military settlement of Roman soldiers, there planted for the purpose of controlling the district recently conquered.
- It was a "miniature Rome," under the municipal law of Rome, and governed by military officers, called duumviri, who were appointed directly from Rome.
- Having been providentially guided to the area, here Paul and Silas preached the gospel and formed the first established the first recorded congregation in Europe.
- Lydia and her household were converted at Philippi. **Acts 16:11-15**
- Paul and Silas were imprisoned at Philippi. They sang praises during the night and the other prisoners heard them. **Acts 16:22-26**
- The Philippian Jailor and his family were converted here. **Acts 16:26-34**
- Paul and Silas at length left this city and proceeded to Amphipolis
1 Thessalonians 2:2 – “But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict.”

