Interesting Facts About Philippians

**Author:** Paul  
**Time Written:** In A.D. 60-61 from Rome during 1st Roman imprisonment

**Position in the Bible:**  
- 50th Book in the Bible  
- 11th Book in the New Testament  
- 6th of 21 Epistle Books (Romans - Jude)  
- 10th of Paul’s 13 books  
- 16 Books to follow it.

**Chapters:** 4  
**Verses:** 104  
**Words:** 2,002

**Observations About Philippians:**
- Philippians is the most unusual letter Paul wrote. Instead of writing to correct doctrinal matters, he writes a “thank you” letter to the church at Philippi that had been so generous in supporting him over the years.
- Paul, Timothy, Luke, and Silas first came to Philippi in A.D. 51, eleven years before he wrote the Book of Philippians.
- The words “joy,” and “rejoice” occur some 16 times in the Book of Philippians.
- Epaphroditus carried the Philippian letter from Rome back to Philippi.
- Paul’s “Macedonian Call” in Troas during his 2nd missionary journey led him to his work in Philippi.
- The city of Philippi:  
  - In 356 B.C. King Philippi of Macedonia (father of Alexander the Great) took the city and renamed it Philippi.  
  - The Romans captured it in 168 B.C.  
  - Octavian turned Philippi into:  
    - A Roman colony.  
    - A military outpost.
- Philippians has four chapters, and each chapter has a major theme, and each theme has a specific text.  
  - Chapter 1 - Christ is our LIFE. 1:21  
  - Chapter 2 - Christ is our EXAMPLE. 2:5  
  - Chapter 3 - Christ is our HOPE. 3:7  
  - Chapter 4 - Christ is our STRENGTH AND SOURCE OF SUPPLY. 4:13

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- Macedonia was in northern Greece.  
- The first converts on the continent of Europe were Lydia and her household.  
- The church at Philippi was the first congregation Paul established on the continent of Europe.  
- Paul visited Philippi again on his 3rd missionary journey.  
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