

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 Book of Ephesians is one of four "Prison Epistles," so titled because they were written by the apostle while he was a Roman prisoner in Rome at the time they were written. The four "Prison Epistles" are:
 - Ephesians
 - Colossians
 - Philippians
 - Philemon

PHILIPPIANS

- 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.
- 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



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13