

SERMON GUIDE

Philippians Overview: Ministry, Partnership, and Joy in Christ

Text focus: Philippians | Background from Acts 16 | Paul's Roman imprisonment

Timeline

- AD 33 - Paul's conversion
- AD 48/49-51 - Paul ministers in Philippi
- AD 57 - Paul is arrested in Jerusalem
- AD 60-62 - Paul writes Philippians from prison in Rome

Outline of Philippians (Warren Wiersbe)

Key theme: The joy of the Lord

Key verse: Philippians 3:1

- I. **The Single Mind – chapter 1**
 - A. The fellowship of the Gospel – 1:1-11
 - B. The furtherance of the Gospel – 1:12-26
 - C. The faith of the Gospel – 1:27-30

- II. **The Submissive Mind – chapter 2**
 - A. The example of Christ – 2:1-11
 - B. The example of Paul – 2:12-18
 - C. The example of Timothy – 2:19-24
 - D. The example of Epaphroditus – 2:25-30

- III. **The Spiritual Mind – chapter 3**
 - A. Paul's past – 3:1-11 (the accountant – "I count")
 - B. Paul's present – 3:12-16 (the athlete – "I press")
 - C. Paul's future – 3:17-21 (the alien – "I look")

- IV. **The Secure Mind – chapter 4**
 - A. God's peace – 4:1-9
 - B. God's power – 4:10-13
 - C. God's provision – 4:14-23

Lessons from Philippians

#	Truth to Emphasize	Key Texts
1	He valued the church.	1:1-2
2	He shared in the work of ministry.	1:3-5; 2:19-30; 4:14-20
3	He understood the centrality of the gospel.	2:1-11; 3:7-11
4	He embraced hardship.	1:12-18; 3:12-14; 4:12
5	He encouraged a positive outlook.	1:4, 18; 3:1; 4:4, 10

Application Questions

- Is your attitude marked by joy, hope, and confidence in Christ?
- How do you normally respond when ministry becomes difficult?
- Is the gospel truly central in your thinking, priorities, and relationships?
- Do you value the local church the way Paul did, or do you mainly see the church as something that serves you?
- What gifts, time, or resources has God given you to use for His work?
- What one step of obedience is the Lord calling you to take this week?

Prayer Focus: Lord, help us value Your church, labor together for the gospel, endure hardship faithfully, and rejoice in Christ.

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.” - Philippians 1:21