

## Miscellaneous Notes

- *An attitude of humility is key to church unity.* Paul uses the word meaning, “have this attitude, have the same mind,” ten times in Philippians (1:7; 2:2 twice; 2:5; 3:15 twice; 3:19; 4:2; 4:10 twice). This word is concentrated in places where he is encouraging church members to be humble for the sake of unity.
- *The significance of women in the church in Philippi:*
  - Lydia (Acts 16:14-15, 40)
  - A formerly enslaved girl (Acts 16:16-19)
  - Euodia and Syntyche (Phil 4:2)

7-Jan-24	Philippians
14-Jan-24	Colossians
21-Jan-24	1 Thessalonians
28-Jan-24	2 Thessalonians
4-Feb-24	Intro to the Pastoral Epistles
11-Feb-24	1 Timothy
18-Feb-24	2 Timothy
25-Feb-24	Titus

# New Testament Survey

## Class 16: Philippians

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### Author and Date:

The apostle Paul, circa 62 AD, assuming that the imprisonment referred to (e.g., 1:13ff) is his Roman imprisonment.

### The Church in Philippi:

Planted circa 50 AD (see Acts 16:11-40), on Paul’s second missionary journey

### Purposes of the Letter

- Acknowledgement of gift sent with Epaphroditus (4:18)
- Note regarding Epaphroditus’s healing (2:25-30)
- Encouragement to reflect the gospel through living honorably and in church unity (1:27)
- Reassurance to concerned friends regarding Paul’s situation (1:12-26)
- To address conflict within the church and plead for reconciliation (4:2-3)
- To encourage continued growth in devotion to Christ (2:1-13, esp. v.12)
- To encourage continued progress in love for each other (1:9)
- Exhortation to constant rejoicing (3:1; 4:4) and an example of rejoicing even in the midst of trials (1:18)

## Outline

*Greeting, Thanksgiving, and Statement of Affection (1:1-11)*

*Update about God's Good Purposes in Paul's Imprisonment (1:12-18)*

*Reassurance about Paul's State of Mind in the Midst of Trials and Encouragement to Do the Same (1:19-30)*

*The Humble Lord of the Universe as an Example of Willing Accommodation to the Desires of Fellow Church Members (2:1-11)*

*Further Encouragement to Gospel-Worthy Lives (2:12-16)*

*Paul's Plans for Himself and His Co-workers: Make Whatever Personal Sacrifice Is Necessary to Encourage the Philippians Faith in Christ (2:17-30)*

*Rejoicing in the Lord (3:1-16)*

*...As An Antidote to Error (3:1-3)*

*...Because We Know Christ and the Power of His Resurrection (3:4-16)*

*Further Encouragement to Gospel-Worthy Live: Imitate Godly Leaders and Mourn for the Lost (3:17-4:1)*

*Closing Exhortations (4:2-23)*

*A Specific Conflict Addressed (4:2-3)*

*Rejoicing and Its Spiritual Benefits (4:4-7)*

*The Christian's Mental Focus (4:8-9)*

*Acknowledgement of Gift from Philippians (4:10-20)*

*Final Greetings (4:21-23)*