

Lion and Lamb Apologetics'

PHILIPPIANS

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

To thank the Philippians for the gift they had sent Paul and to strengthen them by showing that true joy only comes from Jesus.

Author

Paul

Date

Written about AD 61 in Rome while Paul was imprisoned there.

Audience

To Christians in Philippi and all believers everywhere

Setting

This was the first church established in Europe. Paul wants to encourage the Philippians to live out their lives as citizens of a heavenly colony, as evidenced by a growing commitment to service to God and to one another. The way of life that Paul encourages was manifested uniquely in Jesus Christ.

Special Features

Philippians is unified by its joyful, almost exuberant mood, and by the strong personal relationship between its author and its recipients.



Key Verses

“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” (1:6 ESV)

“And be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith.” (3:9 ESV)

“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.” (3:12 ESV)

“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” (4:13 ESV)

Key People

Paul, Timothy, Lydia, Epaphroditus

Key Place

Philippi