



Philippians

Background

- Paul wrote his letter to the Philippians in AD 62 while under house arrest in Rome.
- Though Philippi was a city in Greece, it was a Roman colony. The residents were granted full Roman citizenship. They were loyal to Caesar and Rome.
- Paul founded the church at Philippi after receiving the Macedonian Vision (Acts 16). After his departure, they continued to encourage him through prayer, personal visits, and financial gifts.
- Nicknamed the “epistle of joy,” Paul calls his readers to experience a joy that is independent of circumstances.

Roadmap

1. _____ **For Christ (1)**
 - A. Fellowship in the Gospel (1-11)
 - B. Furthering the Gospel (12-30)
2. _____ **Like Christ (2)**
 - A. The exhortation to humility (1-11)
 - B. The exercise of humility (12-18)
 - C. The examples of humility (19-30)
3. _____ **Christ (3)**
 - A. A costly pursuit (1-8)
 - B. A consuming pursuit (9-14)
 - C. A collective pursuit (15-21)
4. _____ **in Christ (4)**
 - A. Christ, our peace (1-9)
 - B. Christ, our strength (10-13)
 - C. Christ, our glory (14-23)

Landmark

Philippians reveals a life _____ by Christ (1:20-21) (2:5) (3:7-8) (4:4, 11-13). The Christ-centered life is portrayed more vividly than any other book.

Must See

Jesus Christ is the exalted Son of God who humbled Himself to become a man and die for our sins. He is now the exalted Lord of all (2:5-11).

Takeaway

1. Be captivated by the _____, not the gifts.
2. Be consumed with _____, not self.