

A LETTER OF JOY
An Introduction to the book of Philippians
 Philippians 1:3-6, ACTS 16:11-34
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Marks of a letter of friendship.

- *Personal greeting (1:1-2)*
 - *Paul and Timothy – no mention of status or position*
 - *To all the saints, along with the overseers and deacons*
- *Prayer for the recipients (1:3-11)*
- *Reassurance about Paul’s current situation (1:12-26)*
- *Concern to know about their situation (1:27-2:18; 3:1-4:3)*
- *Movements of fellow friends and ministry partners (2:19-30)*
 - *Epaphroditus and Timothy*
- *Exchange of second hand greetings – so and so says “hi” (4:21-22)*
- *Closing prayer for good health (4:23)*

I. THE PLACE - Philippi

II. THE PEOPLE – Acts 16:6-40

Compare the three

	Lydia	Slave Girl	Jailer
<i>Ethnically</i>	Asian	Greek	Roman
<i>Economically</i>	Wealthy, high standing	Poor, exploited and abused	Blue collar
<i>Spiritually</i>	A God fearer, moral	Demon Possessed	Indifferent and practical
Ministry Approach	WORDS – Bible study, public proclamation of the Gospel	DEEDS – Dramatic exorcism	EXAMPLE –Singing and praising God, not running away

III. THE MESSAGE

4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.



EXTRA STUDY IN PHILIPPIANS

This week begin reading through Paul's letter to the Philippian church. Have a pen, paper, and highlighter (if you have one) on hand. Every time you read the word "rejoice" or "joy" underline or highlight it. If you don't like to mark up your Bible, just list the verses under each word below.

Once you have read through each chapter, go back through and review each time "rejoice" or "joy" is marked. Then list below the things you learn about these words.

JOY

REJOICE