

Philippians at a Glance

Ch.	Chapter Theme	Paragraph	Paragraph Theme
1	The Advance of the Gospel	1:1-2	Grace and Peace
		1:3-11	Paul's Affection and Prayer for the Philippians
		1:12-18	Paul's Imprisonment Advances the Gospel
		1:18-26	Paul's Expectation of Deliverance
		1:27-30	Striving Side by Side for the Gospel
2	Unity through Humility	2:1-11	Unity through the Humility of Messiah
		2:12-13	Co-Workers with God
		2:14-18	Joy as Lights in the World
		2:19-24	Welcome Timothy the Worthy
		2:25-30	Honor Epaphroditus the Brave
3	The Upward Call of God in Messiah Jesus	3:1-11	Counting All as Loss to Gain Messiah
		3:12-16	Pressing to the Goal in Messiah
		3:17-21	Imitate Paul as a Citizen of Heaven
4	The Secret of Peace and Contentment	4:1-3	Seek Agreement in the Lord
		4:4-9	Praying, Pondering, and Practicing in Peace
		4:10-13	Paul's Contentment
		4:14-20	The Philippians' Pleasing Partnership Gift
		4:21-23	Final Greetings
	Book Theme	Progress and Joy in the Faith	
	Author	Paul (and Timothy)	
	Recipients	Philippians believers	
	Date	62 ad	
	Purpose	To thank the Philippians for their financial gift. To urge them to unity and spiritual maturity. To commend Timothy and Epaphroditus. To express hope for Paul's release from prison. To encourage the Philippians to follow his example in thought and life.	
	Key Words	Gospel, in the Lord, joy/rejoice, Messiah Jesus, mind/think, partnership	
	Historical Setting	Paul is imprisoned in Rome because of the gospel (1:7). The gospel is spreading in Rome, including among Caesar's household (1:13). The Philippians have sent Paul a financial gift through Epaphroditus (4:18). Paul is sending Epaphroditus back to the Philippians with this letter (2:25). Paul plans to send Timothy soon (2:19). Paul expects to be released from prison and to see the Philippians again (2:24). The Philippians are experiencing disunity (4:2) and attacks from Jewish legalists (3:2). Overall, Paul is very pleased with the Philippians as a church (1:3-6).	