

Church Bible Study  
Philippians Chapter One  
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**Background:**

- \*Author: Holy Spirit through Paul.
- \*Written about A.D. 61 during Paul's imprisonment in Rome.
- \*Philippi was important commercial center on route between Asia and Europe. It was Gentile territory, in Greece (Macedonia), a Roman colony.
- \*1<sup>st</sup> church in Europe founded by Paul, Silas, Timothy and Luke on 2nd missionary journey.
- \*Acts Chapter 16 provides insight into the beginning of Philippian church. Note verses 9-10.
- \*First converts were:
  - 1) Lydia
  - 2) The jail keeper

**Overview:** To know Christ is to know:

1. Love
2. Humility and being a Servant
3. Purposeful Steadfastness
4. Biblical Unity
5. Joy

**I. The Gospel** (God's revealed truth - Ps 19:7; II Tim 3:16-17; Rev 22:18-19)

- a. Of God Ro 1:1
- b. Of Christ (Ph 1:27; Ro 1:16)
- c. Of the grace of God (Acts 20:24)
- d. Of your salvation and peace (Acts 1:13; 6:15)
- e. Everlasting Gospel (Rev 14:6-7)

**II. Clarity and Joy of Purpose** (Ph 1:7,12; Acts 26: 16-20)

- a. Allowing the Lord to lead
  - i. Acts 16:9-10; Ro 8:28 \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Ph 1:20-21 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Be Thankful
  - i. Ph 1:3; Col 1:12 \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Ph 4:6; \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Ph 1:18; I Thes 5:18 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Focus on Gospel
  - i. Ph 1:4-5 \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Salvation & Sanctification is of the Lord
  - i. Ph 1:6, 4:19; Ps 23:1 \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Ph 1:9**

- a. Abound: pour out from the source that is within
- b. Knowledge: spiritual insight; knowledge which determines conduct.
- c. Judgment: decisions/results; knowledge which by nature is manifest

**IV. Ph 1:10**

- a. Excellent: differentiate; be driven; reach; endure. (the more excellent way)
- b. Sincere: pure
- c. Without offense: not striking against; not falling in the path of duty

**V. Ph 1:11**

- a. Fruits of righteousness (conformity to all that Christ is and commands) are by Him and through Him. (Gal 5:22-23; Ep 5:9)

**VI. Unity**

- a. I Cor 1:10
  - i. **Speak** the same thing: speak truth in love and with grace (Ep 4:15; Col 4:6)
  - ii. **No divisions**: division of mind; schism; factions
  - iii. **Perfectly joined together**: reconciled; fitted (Ep 4:16)
  - iv. Same **Mind**: thinking; understanding; doctrine
  - v. Same **Judgment**: decisions/results; knowledge which by nature is manifest
- b. Ph 1:27
  - i. **Conversation**: your entire life; to behave as a citizen
  - ii. **Becometh** (suitable; worthy) the Gospel
  - iii. One **Spirit**: the part of mankind which enables us to think of, reach out in faith to and communicate with God
  - iv. One **Mind**: see above in I Cor 1:10
  - v. **Faith** (Jude 3); reliance upon Christ for salvation