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# Paul's Greeting

- Paul's common greeting (v2)

# Paul's Joyful Reflections on the Believers in Philippi

- Paul was joyful in remembering (v3)

# Paul's Second and Third Missionary Journeys

← Second Missionary Journey, A.D. 49–52  
← Third Missionary Journey, A.D. 53–57  
 NAME Modern name



**2** Paul and Silas are imprisoned for disturbing the peace (Acts 16:16–40).

**3** Paul revives Eutychus, a youth, who had fallen from a window while listening to Paul speak (Acts 20:9–12).

**1** Paul preaches for three years (Acts 19:1; 20:31).

**1** Paul and Silas meet Timothy and ask him to join them (Acts 16:1–3).

**2** Paul stays for three months (Acts 20:3).

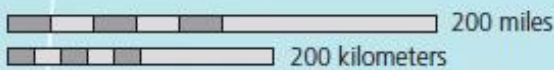
**3** Paul speaks before the Areopagus, the Council of Athens (Acts 17:22–31).

**4** Paul sails to Ephesus. He must leave for Jerusalem, but some Jews ask him to stay. He promises to return, "God willing" (Acts 18:20, 21).

**4** Paul delivers his "farewell" address (Acts 20:18–35).

Starting point of Paul's journeys.

**5** Some Jews say that Paul taught against the Jewish nation, law, and temple (Acts 21:28a). Paul is charged with bringing a Gentile into the sacred precincts of the temple (Acts 21:28b, 29). Threats to his life necessitate a military escort to Caesarea (Acts 23:12–23). Here he is imprisoned for two years (Acts 24:27).



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**1 Corinthians 1:9** <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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**Philippians 4:15–16** <sup>15</sup>You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; <sup>16</sup>for even in Thessalonica you sent *a gift* more than once for my needs.

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# Types of Koinōnia (Fellowship)

- 1. Fellowship of grace**
- 2. Fellowship of faith**
- 3. Fellowship of prayer and thanksgiving**
- 4. Fellowship of love**
- 5. Fellowship of contributing to the needs of others**
- 6. Fellowship of promoting the gospel**
- 7. Fellowship of separation from the world**
- 8. Fellowship of spiritual warfare**

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**Romans 8:28–30** <sup>28</sup>And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; <sup>30</sup>and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

**1 Corinthians 1:8** <sup>8</sup>who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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- Paul was joyful with much affection (v7-8)

# What Robs Believers of Biblical Joy?

False salvation *Matt 13:24-30, 36-43; James 2:14-26*

Influence of Satan and his demons *1 Pet 5:8*

Inadequate understanding of God's sovereignty *Rom 8:28, John 10:28-29*

Prayerlessness *James 5:14-16*

Emotional low that frequently follows a spiritual high *1 Kings 18:38-40*

Ingratitude *Phil 4:6, 1 Thess 5:18*

Focusing on circumstances *John 14:27, Phil 4:11-12*

Living by uncontrolled feelings

Forgetfulness *Ps 103:2*

Unwillingness to accept forgiveness *Matt 6:14-15, Ps 103:12*

# In Closing

- The Philippian believers were a great example to us
  - Their complete fellowship in gospel ministry
  - Their love toward Paul
- Paul is a great example to us
  - His spirit of joy
  - His example of love and affection
  - His shepherding heart
  - His utter confidence in God's Word and character

*How about you?*

*God's isn't finished  
with you yet!*