



# PHILIPPIANS

Week 1: Introduction

# Outline for Today

- History
- Themes
- Maybe up to v. 11

# History (mostly in Acts 16)

- "The Macedonian Call"
  - Lydia
  - Demoniac soothsayer
  - Release from prison & the Philippian jailor
  - Later financial/physical support to Paul
  - As of writing, Paul is imprisoned in Rome
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- Geographical gateway between Europe and Asia minor

# Themes

- Joy
- Gospel
- “Koinonia”
  - Fellowship
  - Partnership
  - Partaking
  - Sharing in experience or mission
- Also unmistakable trends:
  - Affection
  - Encouragement

# Goal

- Study Christ
- Union with Christ
  - In joy
  - In mission
  - In treatment of one another

# Philippians 1:1-11

- “Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi...”

# A Prayer (v. 3-11)

- Thanksgiving
- Requesting
- Partnership
- Confidence in the Lord's work
- The "day of Christ"
- Heart(s)
- What grace is
- Love + knowledge + discernment + sincerity + without offense
- Fruits of righteousness

# Encouragement of Sharing Prayer

- Uplifting
- Exhorting...
- Pointing to God



# Explain God

- Who is Christ?
- What is He like?

# How Will You Pursue Christ?

- What will you do more and more?
- How will you pray differently?
- Where is there grace (undeserved good) in your life that you haven't recognized because it's painful?

