

Resource: Study Notes - Book Intros (Biblica)

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What is the book of Philippians?

- The book of Philippians is a letter from Paul. Timothy helped Paul write it.
- Paul was in prison when he wrote this letter. It's thought that he wrote it around the year AD 61.

Who was Philippians written to?

- To the believers in the city of Philippi. Some were Jews but most were Gentiles.
- The letter was read out loud in the churches all around the area of Philippi.
- Followers of Jesus recognise that Philippians shares the truth about Jesus. It's for all people everywhere.

Why was Philippians written?

- To thank the Philippian believers for the money they had sent Paul through Epaphroditus.
- To tell the Philippian believers how Paul was doing while he was in prison.
- To oppose teachers who were teaching things that weren't true.
- Epaphroditus had become sick while visiting and helping Paul. When he was better, Paul sent him back to Philippi with this letter.

Main ideas

- Joy in serving Jesus.
- Belonging to Jesus.
- Following Jesus' example for living.
- Saying no to teachings that aren't true.

Outline

Greetings (1:1-11).

Paul spreads the good news while in prison (1:12-30).

Following Jesus' example (2:1-18).

Words about Timothy and Epaphroditus (2:19-30).

A warning about teachings that aren't true (3).

Living with God's peace and joy (4:1-9).

Paul thanks the Philippians for their gifts (4:10-20).

Final greetings (4:21-23).