

BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

PHILIPPIANS 1:1

AUTHOR: Paul, the apostle

DATE: somewhere around 60-63 AD while Paul was in _____ at Rome.

TO WHOM WRITTEN: The _____ in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi. (Phil. 1:1)

SPECIAL FEATURE: The city of Philippi. Philippi was the gateway to Europe. It lay on the great Roman road known as the Egnatian Way.



1) This is a most **UNUSUAL** greeting to a church from Paul. He does not refer to himself as:

- a) the servant b) the apostle c) both d)?

2) This is a **NORMAL** greeting to a church from Paul. He does refer to himself as: (Rom. 1:1; 1 Cor. 1:1; 2 Cor. 1:1; Gal. 1:1; Eph. 1:1; and Col. 1:1)

- a) the servant b) the apostle c) both d)?

3) In the words 'Paul and Timothy' we see a _____ and _____ in the faith—the adult and the young person together.

- ☞ There was deep affection that bound Paul and Timothy together.
- ☞ That affection found its root and purpose in the mission of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ☞ Paul contributed the _____ of experience, and Timothy, the hope and vibrant, energy of _____.
- ☞ It should be noted that the adult, Paul is mentioned first. The adult always hold the primary responsibility and privilege for taking hold of young people and making disciples of them.
 - This was the command of the Lord's **GREAT COMMISSION**; therefore, the believer must always keep his focus upon finding young people and making disciples of them.
 - **Y N NS:** Can you keep your focus upon finding young deaf people and be willing making disciple of deaf people?

Matthew 28:18-20 MSG: *Jesus, undeterred (not discourage from acting), went right ahead and gave his charge: "God authorized and commanded me to commission you: Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age (world, time)."*

Matthew 28:18-20 CPV: *Jesus came over to them and said, "Every right to rule in both the spiritual (heaven) and physical (earth) realms has been given to Me. As you travel, then, make students of all races and initiate (baptize, originate) them into the family of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to live by all that I outlined for you. And you know, I am right in there with you—all the time—until the last inning."*

4) Servants—Slaves: believers are *slaves* of Jesus Christ.

- ☞ The word 'servant' (doulos) is the word 'bondservant' in Greek word.
- ☞ There is a distinct (not same, not identical, separate) difference between '**a servant**' and '**a slave**':
 - '**A servant**' is _____ to work for whomever he wishes.
 - '**A slave**' is _____ and _____ --completely and totally owned by a master. A slave is _____ by law to his master.
 - Which you prefer: '**a servant**' or '**a slave**'

5) A look at the slave market of Paul's day show more clearly what Paul meant when he said he was a slave of Jesus Christ.

- ☞ **Y N NS:** Paul was bought and purchased. He completely and totally owned by the Master Jesus Christ.
 - ☞ Jesus had looked upon Paul and had seen his degraded and needful condition. And when Jesus looked the most wonderful thing happened. Jesus loved Paul and bought him. Therefore, Paul was now the possession of Jesus Christ.
 - ☞ The slave served his master and he existed only for the _____ of service. He was at the master's disposal any hour of the day. So it was with Paul: he lived only to serve Christ—hour by hour and day by day.
 - ☞ The slave existed for his master and he had no other reason for existence. He had _____ personal rights whatsoever. The same was true with Paul: he existed only for Christ. Paul's rights were rights of Jesus Christ only.
 - **Y N NS:** Can you—a slave for your Master Jesus? Your rights are rights of Jesus Christ only?
 - **Y N NS:** If you are His slave? Do you have a personal rights whatsoever?
 - ☞ The slave's will belonged to his master. He was allowed no will and no ambition other than the will and ambition of his master. He was completely subservient (excessively submissive; useful in promoting a purpose) to the master and owned total obedience to the will of the master. Paul belonged to Christ. In fact, he even said that he fought and struggled to bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. (2 Cor. 10:5)
- 6) This is **MOST PRECIOUS** thing that Paul meant by his being 'a slave of Jesus Christ'. He meant that he had the highest and most honored and kingly profession in all the world. Men of God, the greatest men of history, have always been called 'the servants of God'. It was the highest title of _____.
- The believer's slavery to Jesus Christ is _____ cringing, cowardly, or shameful subjection.
 - It is the _____ of honor—the honor that bestows upon a man the privileges and responsibilities of serving the King of kings and the Lord of lords.
 - _____ was the servant of God. (Deut. 34:5)
 - _____ was the servant of God. (Josh. 24:29)
 - _____ was the servant of God. (2 Samuel 3:18)
 - _____ was the slave of God. (Philippians 1:1)
 - _____ was the servant of God. (James 1:1)
 - _____ was the servant of God. (2 Peter 1:1)
 - _____ was the servant of God. (Jude 1:1)
 - The _____ were the servants of God. (Amos 3:7)
 - Evangelist Billy Graham was the servant of God.
 - Missionary Ada Coryell was the servant of God. She founded the DEAF, INC in Philippine for 76 years.
- 7) The great need today is for men and women to become _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ. Also apply to us, too. The great need today is for deaf men and women to become slaves of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 8) **Y N NS:** Are you willing to become a slave of your Lord Jesus Christ?
- 9) **Y N NS:** Will you forfeit your will, emotion, and thought to your Master Jesus Christ?
- 10) We must become His slaves and _____ what He says. Then and only then will the (deaf) world be reached with the glorious news of eternal life. Then and only then will the desperate needs of the (deaf) world be met.
- 11) **Y N NS:** Are you willing to become His slave and do (obey) what He says?
- 12) **Y N NS:** Are you willing to teach and train and raise up the young deaf person(s) to become His disciple(s)?