

The Selah Introduction to Philippians

WHO WROTE IT?

Philippians was written by the apostle Paul.



WHEN WAS IT WRITTEN?

Paul wrote the letter while under house arrest in Rome.

TO WHOM WAS IT WRITTEN?

To the believers in Philippi.

IN WHAT STYLE WAS IT WRITTEN?

The book of Philippians is a letter.

WHY WAS IT WRITTEN?

There were SEVERAL reasons Paul wrote this letter:

1. Philippians is a thank you letter from a missionary to a supporting church.
2. The second reason was due to a conflict between two women.

3. To report on his own circumstances.
4. To encourage the Philippians to stand firm in the face of persecution and rejoice regardless of circumstances.
5. To commend Timothy and Epaphroditus to the Philippian church.
6. To warn the Philippians against the Judaizers (legalists) and Antinomians (libertines) among them.

How does this apply to me today?

1. Joy
2. Humility
3. Pressing on toward the goal!
4. Anxiety relief
5. I can do all things through Christ!

Points of Interest:

- 1 The book of Philippians contains no OT quotations.
2. It is outstanding as the NT letter of joy; the word “joy” in its various forms occurs some 16 times.
3. It contains one of the most profound Christological passages in the NT.
4. In a book of 104 verses, Jesus' name or title occurs 51 times.