

Real Joy: Together In Our Identity
Philippians 1:1-2 and Acts 16:11-40
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Basic Notes:

1. Paul is in "prison" in a Roman house chained with guards.
2. Writing from Rome 60-62 AD and Nero is emperor.
3. Philippi is in modern day Greece and was the first church founded in Europe.
4. Philippi was a Roman Colony with emperor and pagan worship.
5. The Philippians "supported" Paul and sent people to see him.
6. He explains his situation, thanks them, calls them to unity, and encourages them to stand strong against opponents.
7. The theme of this book is Real Joy In Christ. (1:21 and 4:4)
8. He reminds them that there are serious dangers to joy.
9. "Joy" is a Spirit produced enjoyment that comes from having confidence in God and His promises.
10. You and I were created to possess the same joy that Christ has.

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I. Slaves in Christ Jesus

"Slave" - Bound by the will of God.

Romans 6:18 *You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.*

Galatians 5:1 *It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.*

II. Saints in Christ Jesus

"Saint" - Set apart for God's grace and ministry.

III. Satisfied in Christ Jesus

"Grace" – God's pleasure that renews us, sustains us and changes the "affection and direction" of our lives.

Ephesians 2:8-10 *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

"Peace" - The reality of being reconciled "with" God that places us in a condition "of" harmony.

Isaiah 26:3 *You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in You.*

Isaiah 32:17 *The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.*

Faith Sheet

Transformation Verse - *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1*

Times with the Lord this week - If you have extra time, look up the cross references with the Transformation Scripture.

#1- Reviewing this Past Sunday

1. Read Philippians 1:1-2 and discuss the message with someone.
2. How important are "affirming" greetings in your home?
3. Why was it important for Paul to focus on their identity before he discusses their obedience?
4. What words would you use to describe yourself to someone else?
5. Use Philippians 1:1-2 to praise and appreciate the Lord.

2- Preparing for Next Sunday Walking Together Philippians 1:1-8

1. Read Philippians 1:1-8. How did Paul greet the Philippians?
2. What is Paul thankful for in vs. 3-5?
3. How were the Philippians partners with Paul? (vs. 5,7)
4. What was he confident in for himself and all believers? (vs. 6)
5. What did Paul "feel" and why is this important in serving others? (vs. 7-8)
6. Pray to grow in your affection for God's people, ask Him to increase your partnership in getting the Gospel everywhere and thank Him for His grace.