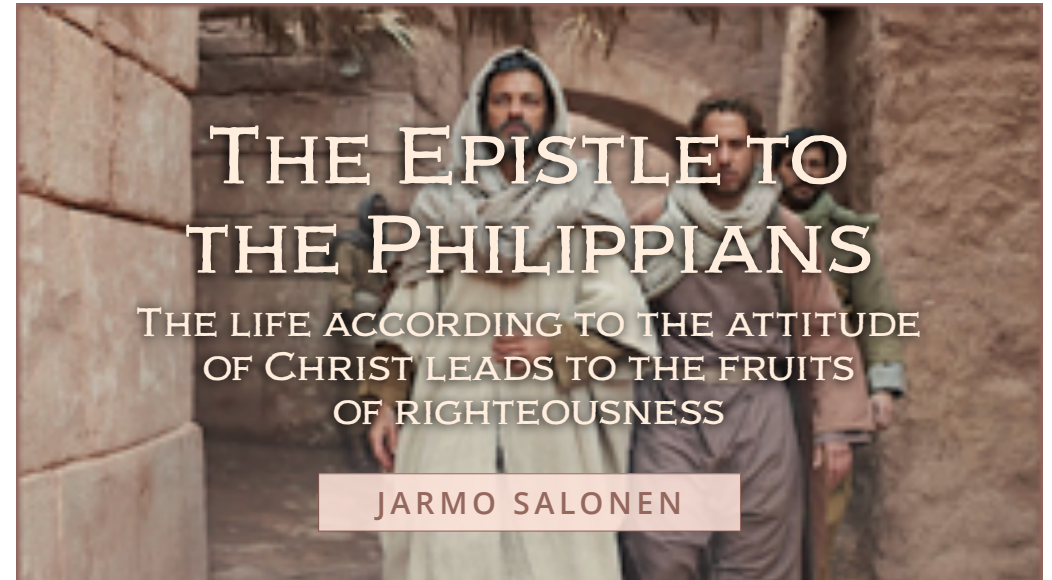




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THE AUTHOR

- Paul (Phil. 1:1) declares himself as an author in the beginning of the letter
- Paul reveals his innermost feelings (1:18-24), shares private information about himself (3:5-6), describes his circumstances while writing (1:12-13), names his friends and fellow servants (2:19-30), and refers to a gift which he received from the church in Philippi to Thessalonica (4:15-16).
- Paul portrays himself in the way that conforms what we know of him from the other sources (Acts and Galatians)
- Paul's special vocabulary is used through the epistle.
- The testimony of the early Christian Fathers.
- Early 2nd century canons (Muratorian and Marcion)

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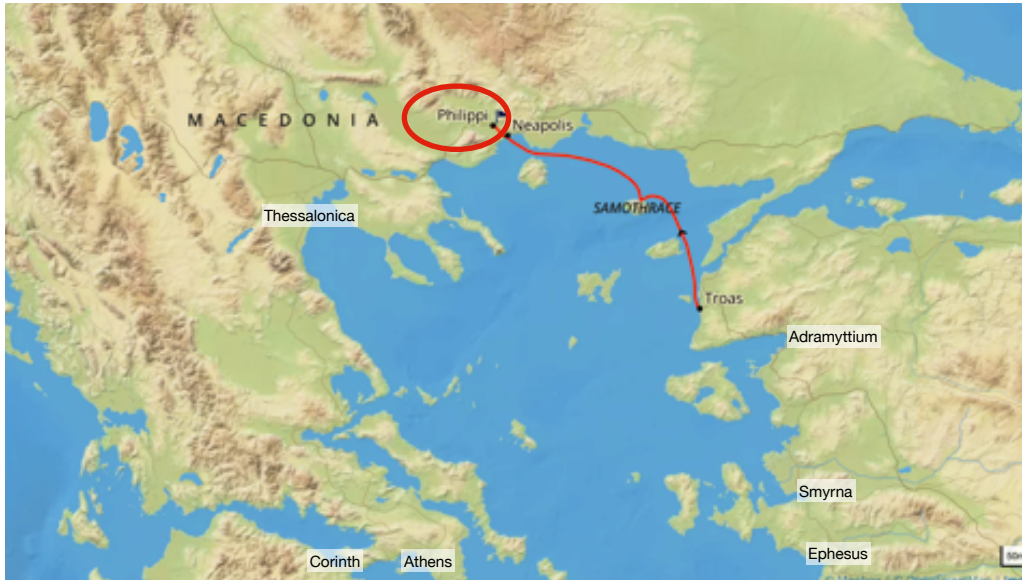
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ONE LETTER OR MULTIPLE LETTERS COMBINED?

- Scholars consider the possibility of one, two or three letter combination.
- 3:2-4:3 is often seen as an independent letter.
- The early bishop of Smyrna, Polycarp refers to epistles to Philippians (epistolae) in plural.
- Similarly Catalogus Sinaiticus to two letters
- The story in 3:1 seems to continue in 4:4
- Why would someone combine letters in this manner?

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THE RECIPIENTS OF THE LETTER

- The Church in Philippi
 - The first "European" church in Acts 16:12.
 - Paul with Silas, Timothy ja Luke
- Philippi was a Roman city
 - Build and fortified originally by Philip II (Father of Alexander the Great) 358-357 BC and named it after himself.
 - Romans defeated the Persians in 168 BC and Philippi became a Roman city.



PHILIP II

WHERE AND WHEN WAS LETTER WRITTEN?

- From a prison (Phil. 1:7, 13, 17; 2:17; 4:14).
- Paul was heading to a trial: a sentence to death (1:19-20; 2:17) or release (1:25; 2:24).
- Bodyguard (praetorium) (1:13) and Caesar's household (4:22)
- Timothy was with Paul (1:1; 2:19-23).
- Extensive evangelization was going on (1:14-17).
- Paul was planning a trip to Philippi (2:24).
- Several trips during Paul's incarceration where done between Philippi and the location where the letter was written from.

ALTERNATIVES

- From Rome (AD 60-62)
- From Ephesus (AD 54-57)
- From Corinth (AD 50)
- From Caesarea (AD 60-61)
- Origen (AD 184-253): *"Only God knows where the Philippians was written from."*



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THE MESSAGE OF THE EPISTLE

The life according to attitude of Christ leads to the fruits of righteousness.

KEY VERSE: PHILIPPIANS 2:5

"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus."

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OUTLINE

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I INTRODUCTORY SECTION

- A Salutation (1:1-2)
- B Thanksgiving of participation (1:3-8)
 - 1 In joyful remembrance (1:3-4)
 - 2 Having a sacrificial attitude will lead to the fruits of righteousness (1:5-6)
 - 3 Partakers of grace and bound with love (1:7-8)
- C Prayer of purpose (1:9-11)
 - 1 Growing in love and in the mind of Christ (1:9)
 - 2 Having the pureness and becoming blameless (1:10)
 - 3 Becoming full of the fruits of righteousness (1:11)

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II A MIND OF CHRIST IN LIGHT OF PAUL'S CIRCUMSTANCES (1:12-26)

- A Having the mind of Christ leads to success even while in chains (1:12-13)
- B Having the mind of Christ and not having the it (1:14-17)
- C Having the mind of Christ brings an assurance of salvation to the glory of Christ (1:18-26)

III INSTRUCTIONS FOR HAVING THE MIND AND ATTITUDE OF CHRIST (1:27-2:18)

- A Suffering in the mind of Christ (1:27-30)
- B Serving in the mind of Christ (2:1-5)
- C Searching the mind of Christ (2:6-11)
- D Steadfastness in having the mind of Christ leads to purity and glory (2:12-18)

IV ITINERARY PLANS (2:19-30)

- A Timothy has a proven mind of Christ (2:19-23)
- B Epaphroditus has a proven mind of Christ (2:24-30)

V EXHORTATIONS TO PURSUE THE MIND OF CHRIST (3:1-21)

- A Beware of self-righteousness! (3:1-2)
- B Becoming truly circumcised means having the mind of Christ (3:3)
- C Bartering self-righteousness for the mind of Christ (3:4-9)
- D Being in the mind of Christ is the first priority in life (3:10-14)
- E Walking in the mind of Christ after Paul's example (3:15-17)
- F Enemies of the cross and those having their government in Christ (3:18-21)

VI CONCLUSION

- A Having the mind of Christ leads to the fruits of righteousness (4:1-9)
 - 1 Being steadfast in the mind of Christ (4:1)
 - 2 Helping each other to stay in the mind of Christ (4:2-3)
 - 3 Expressing the fruits of righteousness (4:4-9)
- B Gratitude for sacrificial participation (4:10-20)
 - 1 Commending the Philippians' sacrificial participation in Paul's situation (4:11-16)
 - 2 Sacrificial participation is having the mind of Christ which leads to the fruits of righteousness (4:17-20)
- C Greetings and benediction (4:21-23)