

BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS SERIES:

# *Joy in Christ*

Philippians 1:1-11

## **The Joys of Christian Partnership**

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# WHY STUDY PHILIPPIANS

The Major Themes Of The Book Are As Follows

- Joy & Gratitude
- Thanksgiving & Confidence
- Partnership & Prayer
- Faith, Love & Hope,

## JESUS CHRIST!

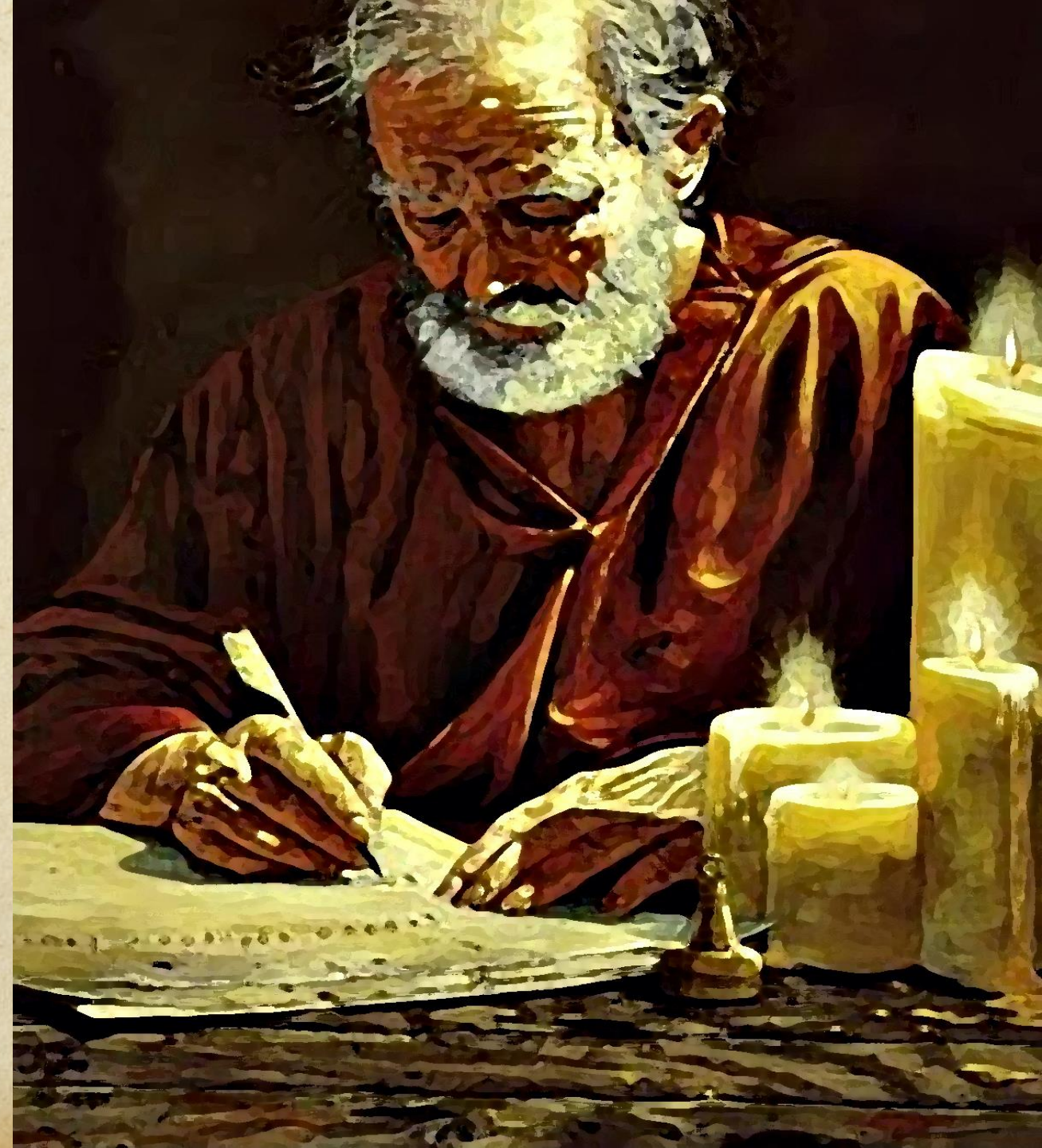
- The biggest theme in this book is really the theme of Jesus Christ!
- Approximately – 104 verses and 51 times Paul mentions, Jesus directly or by a specific reference!



# Imagine Paul writing his Epistle to the Philippians



- The Book of Philippians
- 14 Letters to the Churches
- 4 Prison Epistles







# PAUL'S WORDS CONCERNING CHRIST

Paul is sometimes referred to as the Apostle of Joy

## Quotes by Paul in Philippians

1. "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain".
2. "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord".
3. "I want to know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings".



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4. "I count everything as a loss, so that I may know Jesus".

5. "I can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens me".





# WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT JOY

Galatians 5:22 - 23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.



# WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT JOY

Nehemiah 8:10 "The joy of the Lord is your strength!"

- Joy is not the absence of trouble but the presence of Jesus.
- Life doesn't have to be easy to be joyful.
- Ease of living and joy of heart have a little to do with each other.
- The secret of contentment is the sufficiency of Christ – Philippians 4:11-13





## QUOTES ON JOY

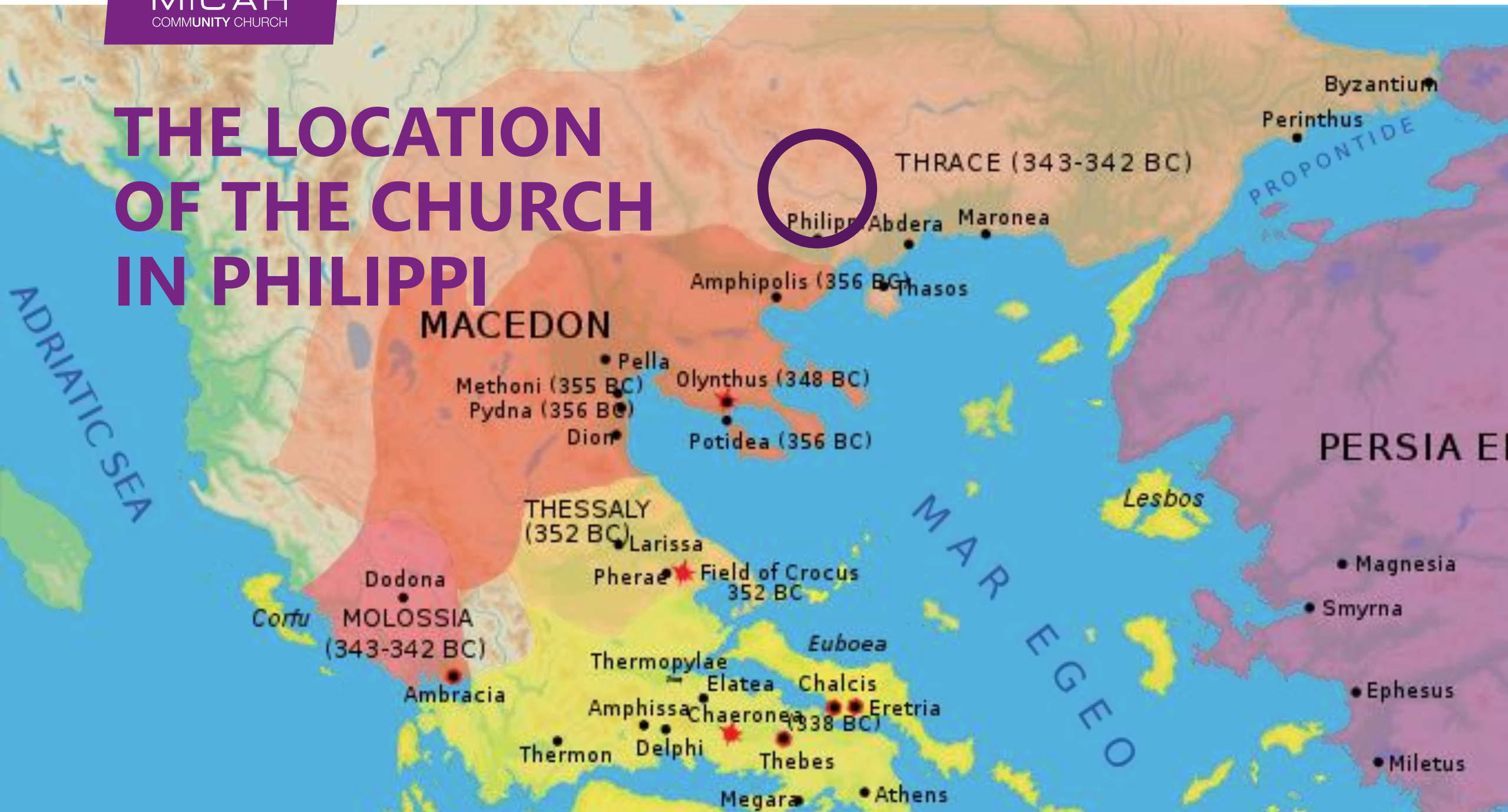
- "Joy is the reward that comes when we give ourselves completely to the Lord".
- "You can be down on your luck but up on your joy".
- "If you walk in joy happiness is close behind"
- "If there is joy in the home then there is love in the heart"
- "Joy is the net of Love by which you can Souls" – mother Theresa



# Paul writes from Prison



# THE LOCATION OF THE CHURCH IN PHILIPPI







# PAUL'S ARRIVAL AT THE CITY OF PHILIPPI

- Prayer by the riverside with Lydia and company
- The confrontation with the slave Girl and the Demonic
- Paul and Silas whipped and imprisoned
- Paul & Silas Singing at Midnight, Prison doors opened!



# PAUL'S ARRIVAL AT THE CITY OF PHILIPPI

- The Jailer's fear, accepts Christ, household baptised
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- The Magistrates want to release Paul - Paul refuses!
- The diversity of the Church, multi-ethnic, plus
- Whole families coming to Christ – Lydia and the Jailer





# THE CITY OF PHILIPPI

- Founded by Philip of Macedon, the Father of Alexandra the Great.
- A Greek City in the Roman Empire.
- The location of a famous battle between four Roman Generals. Mark Anthony & Octavian Verses Brutus & Cassius.
- Granted Special Roman status, wealth & prosperity.
- Paul enters the city and starts a Church - Acts 16.



# SOME RUINS OF THE CITY PHILIPPI





# THE RUINS OF A ROMAN THEATRE IN PHILLIPPI



# PAUL'S JOYFUL PRAYER

Philippians 1:1-2

**1** Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

**2** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



# PAUL'S JOYFUL PRAYER

Philippians 1:3-5

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, <sup>5</sup> for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now,

# PAUL'S JOYFUL PRAYER

Philippians 1:6-8

<sup>6</sup> being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

<sup>7</sup> just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ



# PAUL'S JOYFUL PRAYER

Philippians 1:9-11

**9** And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, **10** that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, **11** being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

# THE FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Galatians 5:22-23 NLT

**22** But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!