

Letter to the Philippians
Lesson 10
Philippians 1:1-26

More than any of the four letters Paul wrote from Rome, the letter to the Philippians reveals his deepest feelings as well as gives insight into his current situation in prison.

Introduction - Philippians 1:1-2

1. Who is this letter from? (Philippians 1:1a)
 - What title does Paul use?
2. To whom is the letter addressed? (Philippians 1:1b)
3. What is the opening greeting? (Philippians 1:2)

Thanksgiving - Philippians 1:3-8

4. How often did Paul say that he thanked God for them? (Philippians 1:3)
5. When he thought about the Philippians, what was his attitude, which was also reflected in his prayers? (Philippians 1:4)
 - Why? (Philippians 1:5)
6. Of what did Paul say he was confident? (Philippians 1:6)
7. Reflect: In verse 6, who is doing the work?
 - Do you think that applies to all believers or only the Philippians? Explain your answer.

8. What was Paul's reflection when he thought about the Philippians? (Philippians 1:7)

9. What feelings did Paul reveal about them? (Philippians 1:8)

10. Reread verses 3-8. How would you describe the relationship between Paul and the church at Philippi?

Paul's Prayer - Philippians 1:9-11

11. From the following verses, what were Paul's four requests for this church?
 - Philippians 1:9

 - Philippians 1:10a

 - Philippians 1:10b

 - Philippians 1:11a

12. Who is the one to receive the praise and glory? (Philippians 1:11b)

Paul's situation - Philippians 1:12-26

13. What did Paul say about being confined in prison? (Philippians 1:12)

14. What example did he give? (Philippians 1:13)

15. What was one of the results of his being in chains? (Philippians 1:14)

16. Did every believer who was sharing the gospel hold the same view as Paul? (Philippians 1:15, 16)

17. What did Paul say about those who were preaching Christ “out of selfish ambition?” (Philippians 1:17)

18. Were they successful? (Philippians 1:18)

19. Of what was Paul confident? (Philippians 1:19)

20. What was Paul’s hope at this time? (Philippians 1:20)

21. How did Paul view his life? (Philippians 1:21)

22. Paul said that if he continued to live it would mean fruitful labor. What was his dilemma? (Philippians 1:22, 23)

23. Of what did Paul say he was convinced? (Philippians 1:24-26)

24. **Reflect:** Try to imagine how these dear people felt knowing their beloved Paul was in prison in Rome. What do you think they were asking God for in their prayers?