

Paul's Life - Lesson 2

Philippi - History	Philippi - Historical Setting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - founded in the 4th century BC - King Philip of Macedonia - important military outpost - gateway for trade - gold town which attracted settlers - protected from looters - link connecting the east and west - primary artery of Roman roads for the military - 2 important battles in 42 BC - Mark Antony and Octavian killed Cassius and Brutus - conspirators in Julius Caesar's death - Roman colony - law, no taxes, huge library, Latin actors that were paid by the city - strong economic center in which the Greeks needed the Romans for their livelihood - center for Artemis (Diana) worship - one of the earliest record churches - destroyed by earthquake? - first Christian group in Europe - no synagogue - not many Jews - Greeks - were not citizens - no vote - no access to Roman law 	<p>1:1 - it was an established church - elders, overseers 1:5 - they were participating in the gospel 1:28 - opposition that came to them 2:30 - Epaphroditus willing to risk his life for the gospel 2:15 - crooked and perverse generation 1:15-17 - some preached from wrong motives - some from good will, out of love 3:2 - warning of problem people 4:2 - fighting and bickering going on in the church 4:15 - generous toward Paul</p> <p>I Thes 2:2 - Christians were suffering and being mistreated in Philippi</p>

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Paul's - Character	Paul's Life
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - very zealous - Steadfast - Had power through God to drive away evil spirits - Even when beaten he still praised the Lord - Was not afraid - Willing to go against demonic forces and preach the power of Christ - The jailer and his family's spiritual well-being was more important than Paul's freedom - Showing faith/belief wherever he went - Confident in His God and the life God wanted him to live - Understood what God did on his behalf - He knew the troubles that were going to come - He did not compromise the message - Extremely smart - set the "religious" leaders against each other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul - Pharisee - persecutor of the "Way" (Christians) - Jesus appeared to him on his way to Damascus - Saul turns his life around and he becomes Paul - Paul meets Timothy before his 2nd missionary journey (Acts 16:1-3) - vision of the man from Macedonia - called Paul to come to them (16:9-10) - they went to Philippi (16:12) - Lydia was the first convert there (16:14) - Lydia takes Paul into her house (16:15) - they cast out a demon in a girl who was a fortune-teller - the masters of the girl grab Paul and Silas and drug them before the authorities to beat them with rods - He is a Roman citizen (16:16-40) - Beaten and put in prison and he sang and praised the Lord - They stayed when they could have escaped and ministered to the jailer - Acts 20:18-23 - served the Lord with humility, tears, trials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - he didn't shrink from declaring the Lord to them - he didn't compromise the message - Acts 21 - 23 - Paul appearing before the Council in Jerusalem - Paul was going to appeal to Caesar