

Lesson 1 Questions Philippians Class

This is a time in our nation marked by frustration, anxiety, fear and very little joy.

Paul is housed in a room surrounded by 4 high walls in a place filled with exciting entertainment, gladiators, chariots and the latest in fashion and wealth.

The city of Rome.

It is here that we find the apostle seated on the floor, chains around his hands and feet.

The apostle and preacher who has tirelessly proclaimed the gospel of Christ, in every port, liberating people from the sin that wrecks them.

He is chained to a Roman officer.

Do you think maybe he would have a reason to be depressed?

Phil. 1:13

There are people who have made it their business to "stir up trouble" against the apostle (vs. 17).

He is hesitant about the danger he is facing. (vs. 21)

He is writing a letter – you would think a lamentation, right?

Would you and I be bitter and complain about this injustice?

He had done nothing to justify being put in prison!

And yet, he does not complain and is not bitter.

This letter, 2000 years later, has become the exposition on contentment for all people who will read it!

This letter is the roadmap to Heavenly Love and Joy fitting for all mankind, but certainly for each of God's children.

Just a note on Prayer.

This has been a challenge for me through the years.

I have heard a ton of sermons about prayer in my life.

There have been multiple books written with a focus on prayer.

How much effort and time do we spend each day talking with God?

Philippians will help us develop prayer habits that will benefit us here on this earth and throughout us eternity.

1. Why he is thankful for the Philippian believers?

2. Why does Paul have confidence in these brethren?

What promise does this hold for us?

3. What is Paul's attitude concerning the church in Philippi?

4. What were Paul's specific prayer for the Philippians?

5. How does Paul's prayer compare to our prayers?

6. How does increasing in knowledge and insight help in your spiritual growth?

7. How would you describe your willingness to carry out requests for others when asked?

8. How faithful are you in praying for others when they request such spiritual support?

9. If you were to receive a letter from the apostle Paul today, which of your qualities or habits do you think he would praise?

10. In what areas of your life do you need greater spiritual insight and discernment?

11. What elements from Paul's prayer do you need to incorporate more into your life?

12. Who is a Christian friend or relative you could write a short note or email to today for the purpose of providing encouragement?

13. How much time do we spend each day talking to the Lord?