



Sermon Title: AN INTRODUCTION TO PHILIPPIANS

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 1:1-2

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¹ Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- **The City of Philippi**

- **The Church in Philippi**

- **The Letter to the Philippians**

- **The Theme of the Letter**
 - At least nineteen times in these four chapters, Paul mentions “**joy**”, “**rejoicing**”, or “**gladness**”. Joy then is the theme of the epistle.
 - Paul uses “**mind**” ten times, and also uses the word “**think**” five times. Add the time he uses “**remember**” and you have a total of sixteen references to the mind.
 - Christian joy is found in the way the believer thinks.
 - Four Possible Joy Stealers.
 - Circumstances
 - People
 - Things
 - Worry
 - Four Chapters in this Epistle.
 - Single-Mind (Chapter 1)
 - Submissive-Mind (Chapter 2)
 - Spiritual-Mind (Chapter 3)
 - Secure-Mind (Chapter 4)