

Philippians: Introduction

Historical Background: Acts 16:6-40

Who wrote Philippians? From where?

When was the epistle written?

Why was the epistle written?

What are the major themes in the letter?

Why study Philippians today?

Outline of Letter:

‘What holds these subjects together is not this or that central theme but the Spirit of God, mirrored forth, by means of a multitude of spiritual graces and virtues, in the heart of the apostle, proclaiming throughout that between God, and the believers at Philippi there exists a blessed bond of glorious fellowship’ (Henriksen, *Exposition of Philippians*, 37-38).