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Bible Study

*“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”
(Ps. 119:105)*



Study of Philippians, “The Epistle of Joy” [pt.1]

{Philippians 1:1,2}

v.1) *“Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:*

v.2) *“Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

- The city of Philippi was founded by Phillip of Macedon who is the father of Alexander the Great.
- The city was founded during Paul’s second missionary journey.
 - ✓ [Acts 16:8] They arrive at Troas which is the last part of land in front of the Aegean Sea.
 - ✓ [Acts 16:9] God calls Paul into Macedonia which was taking Christianity from Asia to Europe.
 - ✓ They take a boat across the Aegean Sea and arrive at Samothracia, then they travel to Neapolis [Acts 16:11] and finally they arrive in Philippi [Acts 16:12].
 - ✓ On the Sabbath day they go to the riverside looking for a synagogue [Acts 16:13]. They went to the riverside because when the Jews were in captivity they would go to the riverside and weep [Ps. 137:1] and this became a Jewish tradition.
 - ✓ While at the riverside they received their first convert who was a businesswoman named Lydia [Acts 16:14] and the church of Philippi was born.

v.1)

- Paul: his name means little or small. He describes himself in the writing to the Philippians [Phil. 3:4-8].
- Timothy: his name means honoring God. He is the son of Eunice [2 Tim. 1:5] and his mother was a traveling companion and disciple of Paul. Timothy was described by Paul in this letter also [Phil. 2:19,20].

