

**Rejoice in the Lord! - Part 1**  
**A Study of the Book of Philippians**  
**The Background of the Book**  
**(Phil 1:1 and Acts 7-16)**

I. The Correspondents of the Book (Phil. 1:1; Acts 7-16)

A. The Senders - Paul and Timothy – Bondservants of Christ (1:1)

A Persecutor Who Became a Preacher (Acts 9:1-21)

A Destroyer of Christians Who Became a Planter of Churches  
(Acts 13-15)

A Pharisee Who Became a Mentor of Men (Acts 15:36-16:5)

LESSON: Christ can save, transform, and use anyone!

B. The Recipients – All Saints in Christ in Philippi (Phil. 1:1)

Doors – Closed and Opened! (Acts 16:6-10, 25-27)

Hearts – Closed and Opened! (Acts 16:11-40)

LESSON: Christ can use all kinds of people and  
circumstances to accomplish His purposes!

II. The “Concerns” of the Book (Philippians)

A. Main Attitude to Emulate – HUMILITY

B. Main Response to Express – REJOICE!

C. Main Person to Exalt – JESUS CHRIST!

TO DO: Let’s ask God to IMPRESS these three themes on our hearts  
as we study this book together.