



## Paul's Letter to the Philippians

- One of Paul's "Prison Epistles" (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon)
- Written approx. 62 A.D.
- Written to...
  - Express his love and appreciation for their help and support.
  - Encourage joy & continued growth amidst struggle.
  - Exalt Christ!

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- Located on a major Roman road, the **Via Egnatia**.

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- In 42 BC, it was made into a Roman colony and as such was intended to be a miniature version of the city of Rome.
- Extended the "Italian Right" which placed it on par with colonies located in Italy.
- In 31 BC, Augustus transported a large number of Roman veterans to Philippi.
- Philippi was the first city in present-day Europe where Paul established a church.

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## Acts 16

12 From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

13 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.

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15 When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

16 Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling.

17 She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved."

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18 She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.

19 When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities.

20 They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

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22 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods.

23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully.

24 When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

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26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose.

27 The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped.

28 But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.

30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

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## Paul's Missionary Journeys

### 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 – Acts 13

1 Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off...

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 – Acts 15

36 Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing."



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37 Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, 38 but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work (see: Acts 13). 39 They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, 40 but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. 41 He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

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Bithynia  
Troas  
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*The true God, the God of Israel, and not the gods of the Gentiles, among whom she was; which shows, that she was either a Jewish woman, who had knowledge of the one true and living God, or at least a proselytess of the Jewish religion... \**

\* <https://www.biblestudytools.com/commentaries/faith-exposition-of-the-bible/acts-16-14.html>

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Word: **dianoigō**

Phonetic: **dāo-am-ō'gō**

Strong's Number: **1272**

Orig: From 1273 and 451, to open thoroughly, literally (as a door) or figuratively (to respond) – open 1272

Use: Verb

Full Strong: **διανοίγω** **διανοίγω** **διανοίγω** **διανοίγω** **διανοίγω** **διανοίγω**

1) to open by dividing or drawing asunder, to open thoroughly (what had been closed)

1a) to open (the mouth) (the closed mouth), i.e. to first begin

1b) of the eyes and the ears

1c) to open the heart of one, i.e. to cause to understand a thing

1d) to open one's soul, i.e. to cause to see the faculty of understanding or the power of hearing

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