



## Introduction

*Philippi was a Roman colony in what is now northern Greece. The letter is written when it seems that Paul is a prisoner in Rome.*



## Questions

1. What does Paul pray that their love may do for Philippian believers?
2. Paul describes two groups of people who are preaching about Christ. What is the motivation of the two groups?
3. How does Paul say the believers' way of life should be affected by the Good News of Christ?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 to 11** Paul thanks God that the Philippians have believed the message of salvation (see theme) and are now continuing his preaching work. He longs to see them and is praying for their future well-being
- **v 12 to 18** Paul's situation in Rome has actually helped the spread of the Good News by various means
- **v 19 to 26** Paul's aim is to show Christ in his life – whether in his life now or in his death. However his continued existence will be more beneficial to the believers at present
- **v 27 to 30** Paul wants to hear that their lives are reflecting the Good News of Christ, even if they end up suffering as a result

**Timeline** 60 AD (see below)



## Theme

### God's message of salvation

*God's message of salvation can be thought of as the way God has decided that we can have a hope of life after death.*

Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist says that forgiveness of sins is involved in salvation, when talking about John:

*Luke 1 verses 76 and 77*

The book of Hebrews tells us that Jesus died to put away our sins and that salvation will occur at the return of Jesus Christ:

*Hebrews 9 verses 26 to 28*

The apostle Paul tells Timothy that salvation comes from reading the Scriptures and having faith in the work of Jesus Christ:

*2 Timothy 3 verse 15*

The apostle Peter confirms that faith is involved in our salvation which we will see in the last time:

*1 Peter 1 verse 5*

The apostle James reminds us that our faith must be seen in action in our lives:

*James 2 verses 14 to 17*

The apostle Paul tells Titus that salvation is available to all:

*Titus 2 verse 11*



## ? Answers to questions

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 9 and 10, Q 2: v 16 and 17, Q 3: v 27

## Bible timeline

