



CHAPTER 1

GREAT HOPE CHURCH

CHAD WOODS- PASTOR/ TEACHER

Paul's second missionary journey is recorded in Acts 15:36—18:22. A year or two after completing their first missionary journey, Paul suggested that he and Barnabas revisit the churches they had planted. A disagreement arose over whether or not John Mark, who had left them on the first journey, should join them on this journey. Eventually Barnabas decided to take John Mark to Cyprus while Paul took Silas to modern-day Turkey. (Acts 15:36–41).

Paul and Silas picked up Timothy, a young but well-spoken-of believer in Lystra. Paul decided to have Timothy, the son of a Greek man and a Jewish mother, circumcised to gain the trust and respect of the Jews in that area. The three men then continued to strengthen the faith in those churches and the number of new believers increased daily. Paul, Silas, and Timothy desired to enter Asia to spread the gospel there, but the Holy Spirit prevented them. Finally in Troas, Paul received a vision of a man asking them to go into Macedonia (modern-day Greece). (Acts 16:1–10).

Paul, Silas, and Timothy, now joined by Luke, sailed from Troas to Greece and made their way to Philippi. **Lydia, a wealthy merchant, opened her heart to the gospel and her home to become the meeting place for the church in Philippi.** Later, Paul cast demons out of a slave girl whose owner then brought Paul and Silas before the city magistrates for what they had done. Paul and Silas were beaten and thrown in prison, but they continued to praise God from their jail cell. That night, God caused an earthquake to release all the prisoners, but none fled the jail. Because the prisoners stayed, Paul was able to share the gospel with the jailer who believed and was baptized. In the morning, the magistrates freed Paul and Silas, but Paul refused to leave without a public apology for the way they had violated his rights as a Roman citizen. After this incident, Paul, Silas, and Timothy traveled to Thessalonica with monetary support from the new church in Philippi. (Acts 16:11–40).

Source-<https://www.compellingtruth.org/Paul-second-missionary-journey.html>

Map of Paul's Second Missionary Journey



Philippians 1

GOD'S WORD Translation

1 From Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus.

To God's people in the city of Philippi and their bishops and deacons—to everyone who is united with Christ Jesus.

The Power & Promise of Mentorship

Every Paul should have a Timothy.

Benefits of Mentorship:

It Insures the Work Continues

It Minimizes the learning curve.

It Minimizes the reliance on one person.

Ecclesiology- Church Government

Two Biblical Positions in the Church

Bishop (Pastor, Elder)

Deacon

Today there are basically Three basic forms of Church government (Structure)

Episcopal Government- solitary church leadership (also known as episcopal church government. Lead by one person. Example Catholic. While this form of government does prove efficient, corruption is always a danger, and the heirarchical and territorial aspects of the polity can be troublesome.

Congregational Government- With a renewed emphasis on the priesthood of every believer, congregational church government has dominated the Protestant church. This form of church government, most often found in Baptist churches. Divisiveness can be a negative result of this format, but the added accountability can stave off blatant corruption.

Presbyterian Government- One other popular system is the presbyterian church government, this simply means that the church is lead by the eldership (who are supported by the deacons). The church body may have limited say into the major decisions of the church. This system can foster a “them and us” attitude between the congregation and the elders.

2 Good will and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ are yours!

Paul's Prayer for the Philippians

3 I thank my God for all the memories I have of you. 4 Every time I pray for all of you, I do it with joy. 5 I can do this because of the partnership we've had with you in the Good News from the first day you believed until now. 6 I'm convinced that God, who began this good work in you, will carry it through to completion on the day of Christ Jesus. 7 You have a special place in my heart. So it's right for me to think this way about all of you. All

of you are my partners. Together we share God's favor, whether I'm in prison or defending and confirming the truth of the Good News. 8 God is my witness that, with all the compassion of Christ Jesus, I long to see every one of you.

9 I pray that your love will keep on growing because of your knowledge and insight. 10 That way you will be able to determine what is best and be pure and blameless until the day of Christ. 11 Jesus Christ will fill your lives with everything that God's approval produces. Your lives will then bring glory and praise to God.

Nothing Matters Except That People Are Told about Christ

12 I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what happened to me has helped to spread the Good News. 13 As a result, it has become clear to all the soldiers who guard the emperor and to everyone else that I am in prison because of Christ. 14 So through my being in prison, the Lord has given most of our brothers and sisters confidence to speak God's word more boldly and fearlessly than ever.

15 Some people tell the message about Christ because of their jealousy and envy. Others tell the message about him because of their good will. 16 Those who tell the message about Christ out of love know that God has put me here to defend the Good News. 17 But the others are insincere. They tell the message about Christ out of selfish ambition in order to stir up trouble for me while I'm in prison. 18 But what does it matter? Nothing matters except that, in one way or another, people are told the message about Christ, whether with honest or dishonest motives, and I'm happy about that.

Paul Honors Christ Whether He Lives or Dies

Yes, I will continue to be happy 19 for another reason. I know that I will be set free through your prayers and through the help that comes from the Spirit of Jesus Christ. 20 I eagerly expect and hope that I will have nothing to be ashamed of. I will speak very boldly and honor Christ in my body, now as always, whether I live or die. 21 Christ means everything to me in this life, and when I die I'll have even more. 22 If I continue to live in this life, my work will produce more results. I don't know which I would prefer. 23 I find it hard to choose between the two. I would like to leave this life and be with Christ. That's by far the better choice. 24 But for your sake it's better that I remain in this life. 25 Since I'm convinced of this, I know that I will continue to live and be with all of you. This will help you to grow and be joyful in your faith. 26 So by coming to you again, I want to give you even more reason to have pride in Christ Jesus with me.

Fighting for the Faith

27 Live as citizens who reflect the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come to see you or whether I stay away, I'll hear all about you. I'll hear that you are firmly united in spirit, united in fighting for the faith that the Good News brings. 28 So don't let your opponents intimidate you in any way. This is God's way of showing them that they will be destroyed and that you will be saved. 29 God has given you the privilege not only to believe in Christ but also to suffer for him. 30 You are involved in the same struggle that you saw me having. Now you hear that I'm still involved in it.